



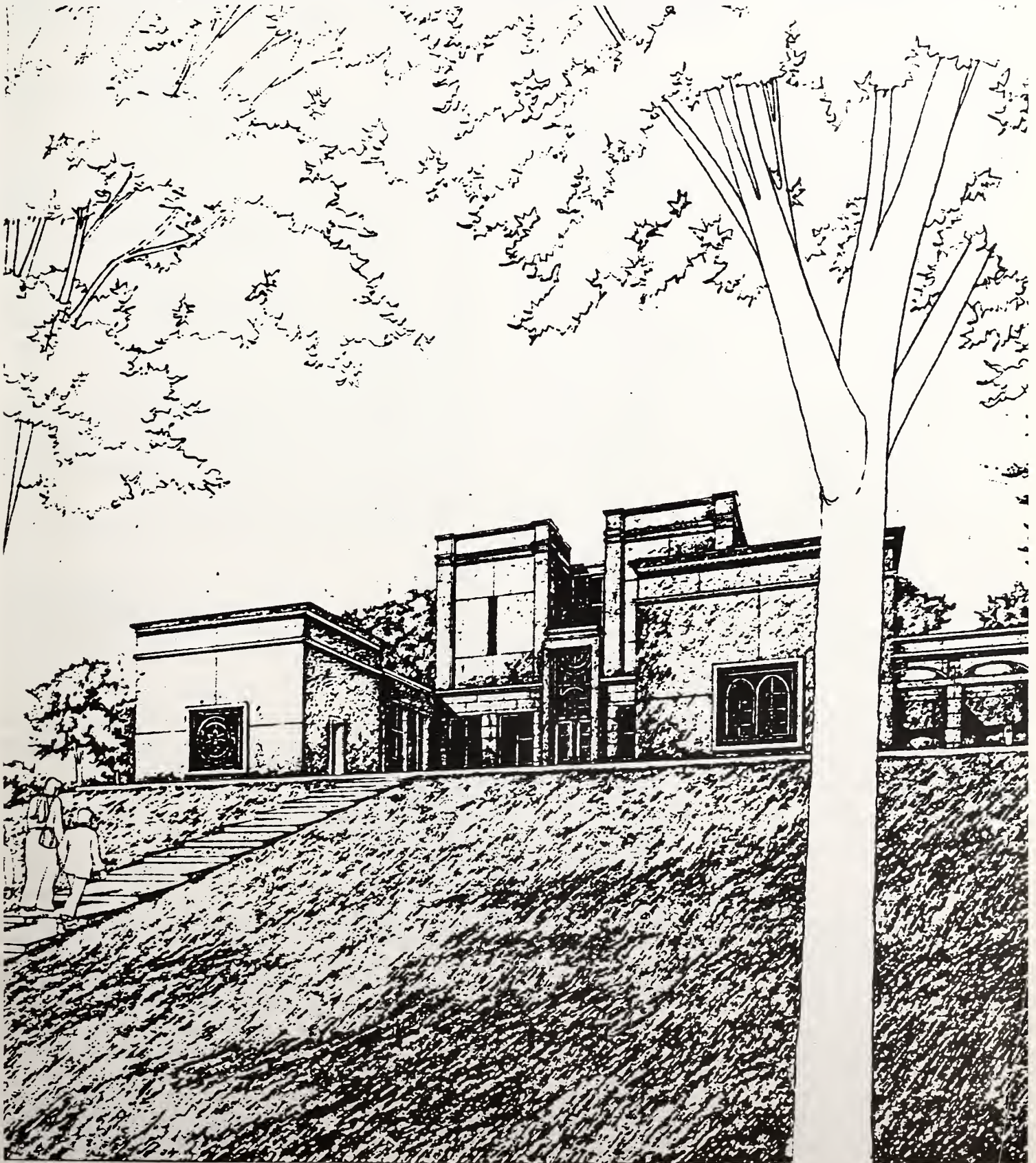
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Editorials—Two Views

Barometers of Hope

by Abraham H. Foxman

I am one who watches the barometers of hope. Sometimes we seem so very close to mending the rifts in trust and the occasional breaches in the warm and understanding relationship that once characterized the alliance of the black and Jewish communities in the civil rights struggle of an earlier day. At other times, words of conciliation are uttered, but not where and how they are most needed.

An exceptional opportunity for coming together—then for coming to grips with specific divisive realities—was the presence of the Rev. Jesse Jackson as an invited speaker at an international conference on anti-Semitism sponsored by the World Jewish Congress in Brussels this past July. Defining anti-Semitism as “scientifically and morally wrong. . .destabilizing. . .an act of violence,” Rev. Jackson urged that everyone fight the impulse to “react to the stereotypes that others impose on us,” and, more important, “fight the insidious poison of stereotyping *wherever* we find it.” (Emphasis mine.)

Rev. Jackson spoke, too, of a “shared legacy” and a “work of bridge-building” between blacks and Jews. As a participant in that conference, I applauded those clear expressions of concern with a new feeling of trust and hope for all of us.

These words, however, delivered at a Jewish conference, were specifically addressed to the convinced. I was stirred, but later found myself wishing to hear them spoken with equal eloquence before less persuaded audiences. How much more appropriate—because so seldom heard—before black student leaders and groups, many of whose ears are often tuned to the intonations of a Minister Farrakhan or a Professor Jeffries. It is to such groups that the

words of Jesse Jackson, whose leadership is commanding of such unqualified respect, would achieve true moral force.

“We must stand up to anti-Semitism wherever we see it, with clarity and discipline,” Rev. Jackson told the Jewish conferees in Brussels, though even there he left certain names unstated. He did produce, as an example, the shameful politics of President Reagan’s visit to Bittburg, but was silent (where particulars would have been more trenchant) on Louis Farrakhan’s characterization of Judaism as “a gutter religion” and his Nation of Islam’s recent book shamelessly distorting history to portray the Jews as leading slave traders.

Dr. Henry Louis Gates, writing in *The New York Times*, described the Farrakhan brand of hatemongers as “anti-Semitism from the top down, engineered and promoted by leaders who affect to be speaking for a larger resentment.” Such diagnoses cannot be ignored by those truly desirous of debilitating the power brokers of hate.

Jesse Jackson said at Brussels: “Let us not turn closed scars into open wounds in the name of freedom and candor.”

Of this, a Jew must say: We bear many scars, and ask only to see them remain closed. But the tirades of Farrakhan and his ilk were still—even as Jackson spoke to us—an open wound. Candor on that subject from Jesse Jackson is still, even now, awaited.

Abraham H. Foxman is national director of the Anti-Defamation League and addressed the World Jewish Congress in Brussels on the subject of anti-Semitism in America.

Jesse and the Jews

by Alexander M. Schindler

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It is tempting to dwell on the earlier days when the black-Jewish alliance changed the course of American history by demanding racial justice and an end to discrimination at lunch counters and in the voting booth, in public schools and public accommodations.

Certainly it is more comforting to recall the sight of a Martin Luther King flanked by Rabbis Abraham Joshua Heschel and Maurice Eisendrath leading tens of thousands of civil rights marchers than to think about the killing of 29-year-old Yankel Rosenbaum last year by an angry crowd in Brooklyn amid cries of “Hitler was right.”

The Rev. Jesse Jackson was active in those glory days that we so nostalgically recall. As an aid to Dr. King he was a key player in the coalition of decency in which blacks and Jews were such indispensable partners. But time and events have led many of us to view him now as having contributed to those tensions that currently divide our communities, even as he has a unique potential to be a bridge over troubled waters.

Yet honesty compels us to admit that the Jewish community has failed to respond to or even acknowledge his

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To the Editor:

Bearing the permanent painful memory of the monstrous crime committed on their fellow Jews of Europe hardly 50 years ago; and recognizing the ongoing deprivations suffered by the survivors; the members of the Boone Jewish Community recognize that the evil concept of racial purification is alive in the Republic of Bosnia, and that concentration camps have returned.

Mindful of the horror and even guilt with which the knowledge of those World War II events were greeted by much of the world's peoples, we call upon ALL people—Jew, Christian, Moslem and others alike—to use every means to protest this ghastly turn of events. As individuals, and as a group, we Jews cannot be silent in the face of this evil, lest it triumph over civilization again.

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Many Yugoslavian youngsters mostly from Sarajevo were taken to Israel as tourists under the auspices of the Jewish Agency, funded by UJA/Federation campaigns. The children are continuing their studies in Youth Aliyah schools in Israel. Other Jews from wartorn Sarajevo have been transported to Belgrade by the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee. Photo by UJA Press Service/Jewish Agency.

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A Lulav By Any Other Name Would Smell As Sweet

by Norbert Weinberg

(WZPS) What do the phrase, "A land flowing with milk and honey," the Judge Deborah, and the Festival of Sukkot have in common? The answer—the date palm.

By ancient tradition the honey of the Bible is the sweet, sticky juice of the date; the Judge Deborah sat under a date palm as she presided over the affairs of the people of Israel; and during Sukkot, the Festival of Tabernacles, the tender shoot of the date tree, the *lulav*, is a major feature in the religious celebration.

"You shall take the fruit of the goodly tree, fronds of the date palm, the branch of the thick bough and the brook willow, and you shall rejoice before the Lord, your God, for seven days," is the presentation given in the Biblical tome of Leviticus. Rabbinic tradition interpreted these words to indicate that the worshipper was to take together the citron fruit, *etrog*; the heart of the date palm, *lulav*; the myrtle branch, *hadass*; and the brook willow, *aravah*. During the daily services of the festival, the worshipper is to hold the four species, *arba minim*, and wave them in all directions to indicate the omnipresence of God and also march in triumphal procession about the synagogue.

All four of these plants are cultivated at Neot Kedumim, the Biblical Landscape Reserve in Israel, which grows all the plant life native to ancient Israel and mentioned in the Bible. The history of the usage of these plants in religious celebration is made clear in the section designated as "Ascent of the Four Species of Sukkot."

Helen Frenkley, associate director of Neot Kedumim, has been involved with the reserve for many years. She described the horticultural aspect of the *lulav*: "It is the heart of the date palm, the embryonic frond. There are

up to three or four of these on a tree, and each one eventually opens up in the shape of the palm of a hand. From this comes the plant's name in English and its connotation in Hebrew, *kaf tamar*, the palm of the date.

The palm is a highly versatile plant, yielding benefits in a great variety of ways. From its leaves, stems and trunk crating and packing materials are made, as well as baskets, furniture and rope fiber. Its fruit is a source of syrup, alcohol, vinegar and liquor. For the diet-conscious the sweet date itself is one-half sugar. As for the *lulav*, it too has a culinary function as the tender heart of palm used in salads and even in pizza toppings.

Classic Jewish lore used the date palm and its heart, the *lulav*, as vehicles for conveying values and thought. There are lessons to be derived from this plant.

The plant is reminiscent of the human form. The Song of Songs describes the ideal woman in graphic terms as tall and well formed as the date palm (7:8-9); in Psalms, the well-being of the righteous man is compared to the flourishing palm (92:13). The tree's fronds recall the human head and thus Isaiah uses the term *kippah*, derived from the word for the frond, *kaf*, in the sense of a head, not a hat (9:13).

The *lulav* symbolizes the human backbone, straight and upright yet at the same time flexible; this teaches that one should be upright in behavior yet humble in spirit.

There is a Zionist aspect to the palm tree. When the Hasmoneans defeated the Seleucid tyrant, Antiochus, they struck their own coinage with the palm tree on the face. On the other hand, several centuries later, when the Romans destroyed the Second Commonwealth, they minted their own commemorative coin emblazoned with the image of a weeping woman under a palm tree and the motto "Judea Capta." Two millennia later the Jewish people are once again

free to cultivate their own palms and wave the *lulav* branch in the spirit of freedom and independence.

There is a moral for all in the use of the four species of Sukkot, generically labeled *lulav* in tradition.

Each of the four plants typifies a human quality. The *etrog* is both edible and fragrant, like the learned Jew who has content and who carries out good deeds to benefit all. The *lulav* is edible but not fragrant, like the Jew who is learned but does nothing with his knowledge for anyone else's benefit. The myrtle has fragrance but no taste, like the ignoramus who tries, nevertheless, to do well. The willow possesses neither fragrance nor smell, like the Jew who knows no good and does no good.

For the observance to be correct, no one plant is selected over the others, but all are held together, to teach that the saint needs the help of the sinner as much as the sinner needs the saint's kindness and wisdom. Salvation can come only when all wave in harmony, an apt lesson in tolerance for the holiday of the *Sukkat Shalom*, the Tent of Peace.

Tradition in the Kitchen

Sephardic Cooking

by Copeland Marks

Donald I. Fine, Inc. 541 pp. \$24.95

Reviewed by Paul LaPierre*

Sephardic Cooking contains 600 recipes created in exotic Sephardic kitchens from Morocco to India. Inside the covers of the book is a map of the entire region, including the countries of Turkey, Greece, Kurdistan, Iraq, Iran, Georgia, Uzbekistan, Afghanistan, India, Yemen, Ethiopia, Morocco, Tunisia and Libya, reminiscent of Arabian Nights tales.

What first struck me about this unique cookbook is the amazing amount of historical information contained, which is presented in an upbeat and interesting fashion. You can tell the author has done extensive traveling and research to produce such an

array of ethnic recipes. A bibliography is included.

The recipes and directions are presented in an easy to follow and straightforward manner. The ingredients are readily available in local grocery stores.

If you have never cooked in this style, be prepared for some unusual flavors and spices, such as turmeric and coriander. A glossary includes descriptions of foods and spices not common in the western world.

Recipes are not divided into meat or dairy categories, but by the lands of origin. Interesting black and white photos precede each section, depicting Jewish people at work and at home in parts of the vast region.

The two recipes I include were part of my Sephardic menu prepared for B'nai B'rith Institute II here at Wildacres. (See below.)

Sephardic Cooking is published for the 500th anniversary of the dispersal of the Jews of the Iberian peninsula to North Africa and the Middle East.

Food historian Copeland Marks makes these cuisines accessible to the modern cook in this presentation of delicious foods and traditional cultures of the Sephardim. The author is also a teacher and lecturer on ethnic foods at the Asia Society, The Smithsonian Institute and New York University. He contributes regularly to *Gourmet*, *Bon Appetit*, *Food and Wine* and *Cook's Magazine*. He is author of several exotic cook books.

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Editor's Note: These recipes are appropriate foods for the Sukkot Festival since they are full of vegetables and fruits.

Sephardic Dinner Menu

Yaprakes (Stuffed Grape Leaves, Tomato, Red Onion garnish, Greek Olives, drizzled with Olive Oil) from Turkey

Khoresht Nano, Jafaree, Aloo Bukhara from Persia

Cous Cous with Vegetables, Libyan Style
Vazuniga (Fried Eggplant) from Cochin
Halva from Uzbekistan, Caucasus and Central Asia

KHORESHT NANO, JAFAREE, ALOO BUKHARA

(Lamb Stew with Mint, Parsley and Prunes)

3 Tbsp. corn oil
1/4 tsp. ground turmeric
2 medium onions, chopped (1 cup)
1 lb. boneless lamb, cut into 2" cubes
1 small bunch of fresh chives, chopped (1 cup)
1/4 cup chopped fresh mint leaves
1 large bunch of Italian flat-leaf parsley, chopped (2 cups)
1 tsp. salt
1/8 tsp. pepper
2 cups water
1 cup prunes, soaked in 1 cup water for 1 hour

Put the oil, turmeric and onions in a pan large enough to hold everything and stir-fry over moderate heat for 3 minutes to brown the onion lightly. Add the lamb and fry for 1 minute. Add the chives, mint, parsley, salt and pepper and stir-fry for 2 minutes. Pour in the water, bring to a boil, cover the pan and cook over low heat for 1 1/2 hour. Add the prunes and soaking liquid and continue to cook until the meat is tender, about 1/2 hour more. There will be a generous amount of herb sauce.

Serve warm. Serves 4 to 6 with other dishes, especially Chelo (white rice) with tadjik and table pickles.

VAZUNIGA

(Fried Eggplant Mixture)

1 eggplant, 1/2 lb., cut into 1" thin slices
3 small onions, sliced thin (1 cup)
1 semi-hot green chili, seeded, sliced thin
1 garlic clove, chopped fine
1/2 tsp. salt, or to taste
1/4 tsp. chopped fresh gingerroot
1/4 tsp. paprika
1/4 tsp. ground coriander
1/8 tsp. ground turmeric
1/8 tsp. pepper
oil for deep-frying, about 1 cup
1 Tbsp. white vinegar

Mix everything together except the oil and vinegar. Toss well. Heat the oil in a wok or skillet over moderate heat. Add the vegetable mixture immediately and fry until golden and crisp, stirring now and then. Use a slotted spoon to transfer the mixture to a metal sieve or colander and allow the excess oil to drip out for 5 minutes. Turn out into a serving bowl and sprinkle with the vinegar.

Serve warm with rice, bread or any type of Cochin food. Serves 4.

Below are some other fruit and vegetable recipes to try during the holidays.

BUTTERNUT SQUASH SOUP

from *Cucina Fresca*
by Viana La Place
and Evan Kleiman

1/2 lb. butternut or other yellow squash, peeled and diced
1/2 lb. tart apples, peeled, cored and diced

1/2 lb. yellow onions, peeled and diced
2 Tbsps. margarine
1 Tbsp. olive oil
2-4 cups chicken broth
2 sprigs fresh rosemary, or 2 tsp. dried rosemary leaves, crumbled
2 sprigs fresh marjoram, or 1 tsp. marjoram leaves, crumbled

Coarse salt and freshly-ground pepper to taste
Fresh rosemary sprigs and/or marjoram sprigs for garnish

Cook the diced squash, apples and onions in the margarine and oil in a large skillet over low heat until the fruits and vegetables are soft. Add 1 cup of the chicken broth and herbs, season and continue cooking for 5 minutes. Puree the mixture in a food processor or blender, adding enough additional chicken broth to give desired consistency. Strain to remove herbs. Refrigerate. Serve chilled, garnished with fresh herbs. Serves 6.

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RAISIN-CINNAMON BREAKFAST LOAF

Heat oven to 350 degrees.

1/4 cup packed brown sugar
1-1/2 tsp. ground cinnamon
3-3/4 cups Bisquick® baking mix
1/2 cup granulated sugar
1 cup milk
2 eggs
1/2 cup raisins
Glaze (below)

Grease and flour loaf pan, 9x5x3 inches. Mix brown sugar and cinnamon; reserve.

Beat baking mix, granulated sugar, milk and eggs on low speed, scraping bowl constantly, 30 seconds. Beat on medium speed, scraping bowl occasionally, 3 minutes. Stir in raisins. Spread one-third of the batter in pan; sprinkle with half the brown sugar and cinnamon mixture. Spread half of the remaining batter on brown sugar mixture; sprinkle with the remaining brown sugar mixture. Spread remaining batter on top.

Bake until wooden pick inserted in center comes out clean, 55 to 60 minutes; cool 10 minutes. Remove from pan; cool loaf completely. Spread with Glaze.

GLAZE: Mix 3/4 cup powdered sugar, 1 Tbsp. margarine or butter, softened, 1/2 tsp. vanilla and 2 to 3 tsp. milk until smooth.

No-cholesterol Cinnamon-Raisin Breakfast Loaf: Substitute skim milk for the milk and 3 egg whites or 1/2 cup frozen (thawed) cholesterol-free egg product for the eggs. Substitute cholesterol-free margarine for the margarine in the glaze.

High Altitude Directions (3500 to 6500 feet): Heat oven to 375 degrees. Decrease baking mix to 3-1/2 cups and granulated sugar to 1/3 cup. Add 1/3 cup Gold Medal® all-purpose flour. Bake 45 to 50 minutes.

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The Land Stewardship Council of N.C. A Request to Reconnect with Scripture's Environmental Sensitivity

by Stephen Jurovics

The Land Stewardship Council of North Carolina (LSC) is a statewide Judeo-Christian ecological organization whose mission is to introduce people to the spiritual dimension of the environmental movement, to raise consciousness about our calling to be good stewards of the land, and to encourage congregational and individual participation in environmental and planning issues.

In this closing decade of the 20th century, environmental issues confront us with a frequency comparable to domestic or foreign policy matters. Toxic chemical spills in lakes and rivers, air pollution in major cities, the rapidly diminishing capacity of landfills, and numerous other factors which jeopardize the future habitability of our planet surface in news reports on a regular basis.

LSC members care about these matters deeply. The religious denominations constituting this council believe that our earth was created by and belongs to God, that we are but stewards, entrusted with the awesome responsibility of passing it on to future generations in a condition that sustains life.

The LSC board voted at its July 27 meeting to ask the religious leaders of all participating denominations to include in at least one sermon between now and the end of 1992 a reminder of the strong and clear environmental sensitivity of Scripture.

Shabbat Bereshit, Oct. 23-24

It is appropriate that rabbis are being asked to stress the clear connection between Jewish tradition and care of the environment in their sermons on Friday night, Oct. 23 or Saturday, Oct. 24, known as *Shabbat Bereshit*; for it was *in the beginning*, in Genesis, that God created the heaven and earth, night and day, plants and animals. God placed into the care of mankind all that He created.

Other religious groups are also be-

ing requested to remember the environment at services on that weekend.

In Leviticus, God declares that the earth shall observe a Sabbath just as we do. We live with a diurnal cycle, and on our seventh cycle—or day—we are to rest. The cycle for the land can be viewed as the four seasons, and on the seventh year the land is to rest. Sharing the commandment of a Sabbath constitutes an intense bond between people and the land, and perhaps we can imagine that the land also recalls God's own rest after creation.

The commandment in Deuteronomy not to destroy fruit-bearing trees even in time of war has been formally interpreted as a requirement not to destroy anything that still has use: ". . . whoever breaks vessels, tears clothes, demolishes a building, stops up a fountain or wastes food, in a destructive way, offends against the law of 'thou shalt not destroy'." One could hardly find a clearer message supporting the contemporary call for reuse and recycling.

We hope for a strong synergistic effect when thousands of congregants leave their churches and synagogues on that one Sabbath, all having heard again the requirements in Scripture for care of the environment. The LSC urges all religious leaders to remember the earth in their sermon of Oct. 23, 24, 25.

World Council of Churches Statement

The following statement was issued Sept. 3 by Rabbi A. James Rudin, national interreligious affairs director for the American Jewish Committee:

"The recent statement, 'Christian-Jewish Dialogue Beyond Canberra '91,' that was adopted last week in Geneva by the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches (WCC), represents an important step in strengthening positive Christian-

Jewish relations throughout the world.

"The WCC document strongly condemns 'anti-Semitism in all its forms.' It specifically encourages churches to oppose the 'emerging anti-Semitism' of Eastern Europe and to work cooperatively with the Jewish people to 'safeguard religious liberty' in all societies.

"The statement also affirms that Jewish covenant with God 'continues' as the 'vocation of the Jewish people.' It further declares that religious 'proselytism is incompatible with Christian faith' and that 'claims of faith' cannot be 'used as weapons against anyone.' It is encouraging that the WCC statement calls for practical 'implementation of [the] churches' recommendations in Christian teaching, mission, and liturgical life.'

"However, the statement is less helpful when it addresses the Middle East conflict: 'We assume that criticism of the policies of the Israeli government is not in itself anti-Jewish. . . Expressions of concern regarding Israel's actions are not statements regarding the Jewish people or Judaism, but are a legitimate part of the public debate. The same holds true for a critique. . . of states and political movements that claim a Christian foundation for their basic values.'

"One searches in vain throughout the WCC document for similar references to 'the policies' of Arab or Muslim 'states and political movements.' Is not criticism of their policies also 'a legitimate part of the public debate?' This significant omission seriously weakens the otherwise generally positive tone of the document. By focusing exclusively on criticizing the policies of the Israeli government and by not giving the same attention to criticism of Arab or Muslim states and political movements, the WCC is applying a double standard of judgment regarding Israel. The same weights and measures of judgment must apply equally to the actions and policies of all states and political movements, and not just to some. Hopefully, future WCC statements on Christian-Jewish relations will correct this imbalance."



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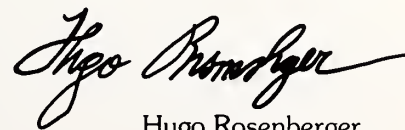
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Thank you in advance for your continued support. We hope that you will be able to join us at the Home for the Annual Meeting, and we look forward to welcoming you personally on October 25.

May the New Year bring renewed happiness and inspiration to you and your family.

Cordially,


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Wildacres Summer Institutes 1992

Wildacres Interfaith Institute by Estelle Hoffman

The 11th annual Interfaith Institute at Wildacres, held August 3-6, was based on the subject, "One God, Many Faiths." Like those held previously, the Institute was chaired by Rabbi Leo L. Hoffman, planned by him and a dedicated and capable committee.

Principal speakers were Dr. Walter Harrelson, retired head of the Divinity School at Vanderbilt University, and Rabbi Joseph Lukinsky, chairman of the education department of the Jewish Theological Seminary. Clergy of nine faiths and interested and active lay members of the various denominations constituted the Institute of more than 100 people.

One feature of the seminar was a VCR presentation of The Dead Sea Scrolls, followed by a discussion led by Dr. Harrelson, an expert on the subject.

Four lectures by both speakers dealt with these subjects: *God and the Gods*, *Metaphors for God*, *God among the People*, and *Theodicies in Judaism and Christianity*. The scholarly speakers drew from their backgrounds to deal in depth with the topics, and a wealth of thought and knowledge was presented.

The following paragraphs report some of the deepest impressions which remain with us.

In the words of the Rev. James Disney (Roman Catholic) in the closing session, the days at Wildacres were "a time of peace, dialogue, friendship and learning."

Images of God were described by the speakers, covering a wide range of views throughout history. Descriptions of God are always in metaphor. Characterization of a noncorporeal being tend towards anthropomorphism, which should be avoided in intellectual Judaism and Christianity. An astonishing view of God, from Jewish tradition, is that of One who

studies Torah, thus making of Him a role model.

The dispute as to which is more important, study or deeds, ends with the pronouncement that study is more important, because study has to lead to deeds. This, too, is found in Judaism.

Theodicy was the topic of one lecture, with biblical, historic and modern views of reward and punishment and the eternal question of why good people suffer. Furthermore, bad people often thrive. No religion has mastered the problem. Jewish wisdom literature said, "I have never seen a righteous person who has been abandoned." The New Testament promises that all things work together for the good of those who love the Lord. Such statements provoke controversy.

An interesting opinion is that there is collective responsibility and reward, which I deem more acceptable to the contemporary thinker. Another position is that the universe is not anthropocentric; the world is the way it is, and humans can only do what is right for humanity. That is contrary to the story in Genesis, obviously.

Judaism affirms the importance of human history, trying to teach that the eternal takes place in our lives. The element of free will is basic, and is used in the concept which tries to explain the Holocaust. Evil exists in the world, admitted by both Judaism and Christianity. If God is all powerful, the presence of evil is hard to explain. Is the devil an answer?

More problematic are natural disasters, affliction of disease on innocents. That is the way of the world, a world in which God attempted to establish order out of chaos. Our duty as partners of God is to try to repair the spots of chaos which remain. Theodicy, according to Dr. Harrelson, is a way of explaining God's governing of the universe, given the continued existence of evil.

Both speakers repeatedly referred to the Book of Job, the classical por-

trayal of the punishment of the righteous. It shows sheer mystery in the world in the struggle within the soul of a believer who experiences a relationship with the divine. After all the protest, what else is to be done in the presence of God but to repent? One needs to understand that governing the universe is a hard job.

Closing statements by clergy of diverse religious backgrounds were inspiring in describing what would be the lasting influence of the Wildacres Interfaith Institute. The warmth and good humor were praised by all, and there was appreciation of the general sensitivity for one another.

The Rev. Claude Broach, noted Baptist pastor who served 30 years at St. John's Baptist Church in Charlotte, reminded the assembly of the three levels of theology: people, pastors and seminarians, all of whom talk to each other. Their talk does not filter down to the people, since it is not spoken in the language of the people.

The plain man, said Dr. Broach, needs to hear religious truth which may shake up what he has heard in the language of his culture. We need to learn ways to do better in the struggle against prejudice. Ideas are necessary to provide a chance to learn the lesson that there is plenty of room for all of us. A great leap often comes from an individual who thinks things can be changed.

Adding inspiration to the Institute was the concert performed on the last evening by the Wildacres Camerata, a quartette composed of Anita Tritt, piano; Grace Boeringer, violin; Charles Medlin, violincello, and Bo Newsome, oboe. This was the third time the group has enhanced the atmosphere of the Interfaith experience with the contribution of their time and talents. The beautiful music spread its glow over the excellence of this Wildacres experience, where the spirit of Wildacres prevails, as expressed in its theme: "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."

GCAR Rabbis Kallah

The summer Kallah of the Greater Carolinas Association of Rabbis met at Wildacres, Aug. 6 to 12, with rabbis and their families from the Carolinas, Virginia, Pennsylvania, New York, Delaware, Illinois, West Virginia, Maryland and Florida attending. Most have officiated at congregations in the Carolinas in the past.

Lectures were presented by Rabbi Joseph Lukinsky, Rudi Wolff, who is producer and director with P & W International Film and Video of New York, and by Dr. Tikva Frymer-Kensky who was speaker for two past years' GCAR Kallah and Interfaith Institutes.

President of the GCAR for 1992 is Rabbi Thomas Liebschutz of Winston-Salem, N.C. Rabbi Philip Silverstein was chairman of the Wildacres Kallah.

B'nai B'rith Institute II

To commemorate the 500th year since the expulsion of the Jews from Spain, District Five B'nai B'rith presented a program of the history and legacy of Sephardic Jews at the Wildacres Institute, Aug. 13 to 16. Institute chairmen were Todd Savitt, Richard S. Melenson and Dr. A. J. Kravtin.

Speakers were Dr. Ori Soltes, in his second year's presentation at B'nai B'rith Institute II, and Dr. Jane Gerber.

Dr. Soltes has taught Jewish Studies courses at the university level and has served as curator of exhibits at Jewish museums. He is now director of the B'nai B'rith Klutznick Museum in Washington, D.C. He has written a number of scholarly papers and is also a film maker and lecturer.

Dr. Jane Gerber is professor of Jewish History and director of the Institute for Sephardic Studies of City University of New York Graduate Center. She is author of many books, including some on Sephardic Jews.

A highlight of the Institute was Saturday's Sephardic dinner. The Sabbath was observed with Sabbath services, songs and Oneg Shabbat.

B'nai B'rith Institute I

The 45th annual North Carolina B'nai B'rith Institute of Judaism was held at Wildacres, Aug. 17 to 20. This is Wildacres' longest continuous group.

"A Tapestry of Jewish Thoughts" was a series of talks and discussions by Dr. Kalman Bland, Dr. Bernard Schecterman and Dr. Abraham Holtzman. Dr. Bland, who teaches at Duke University, spoke on the life of Jews in Spain during what he called "The

Silver Age" and of their fate after the expulsion.

Current issues of Israeli politics, Islamic fundamentalism and Israeli-American relations were Dr. Schecterman's topics.

Dr. Holtzman spoke on U.S. politics, Constitution and elections.

Eleanor Reissa, director, choreographer and vocalist performed in the evenings to the delight of the Institute's participants, who filled Wildacres to capacity.

Temple Beth El's Wildacres Weekend, Sept. 4-7, 1992
by Faye P. Seigel

Up the winding road to Wildacres, this will be our last year,
But the memories and friends we've made will forever be near and dear.

To stand upon this stage will be my final time,
To recap the Wildacres weekend and put it on paper in rhyme.

We mixed and mingled a bit, "mispachah" is the theme,
We got our rooms and programs—a full weekend it did seem.

We dressed for Shabbat and awaited the dinner bell,
With Tammy and granddaughter Shayna here, oh boy how I did "kvell."

Rabbi Bob conducted a lively service with Charki on the guitar,
A lovely Sisterhood Oneg followed which is always right on par.

We arose to rain and fog and hoped to see the shining sun,
We prayed and sang at Shabbat morning services, the rain can't dampen our fun.

Rabbi Lehman, our guest lecturer, took us from there to here,
We remember how our brethren fled their homeland because of persecution and fear.

The afternoon was quiet, some shot baskets who were bold,
We enjoyed a sumptuous cocktail hour hosted by the Blumenthals and Mickey Gold.

We had Havdalah, played Bingo, some watched the "Frisco Kid,"
Others played poker or Rummy Kue, while some into bed they slid.

Rabbi Lehman gave a lesson on Talmud, business ethics we should pursue,
And how Halakah of past, is in modern times relevant too.

The afternoon was lazy, everyone did their own thing,
"Ask the Rabbi" for children only, rehearsing the Big Show for those who dance and sing.

The anticipation was growing, the hour of the Big Show was near,
The talented and "not so talented" mounted the stage without showing their fear.

Sam Blumenthal directed the show, at the mock "Bored" meeting we laughed a lot,
We had more cakes and cookies and "kibbitzed" around the coffee pot.

Then Monday comes too soon and have to say goodbye,
To old friends and new ones made on our mountain in the sky.

To Susan and Arthur Kramer who coordinated all the youth programs,
And to the wonderful teens who came and cared for our little lambs.

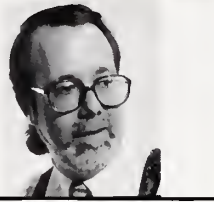
To Peggie, Seena and the Sisterhood for making the Onegs just right,
To Charki who sang and played the guitar, and accompanied the talent tonight.

To Rabbis Bob and Bob, thanks for creating the spirituality and mood,
And to the kitchen staff for all the abundant food.

We all leave with a sense of calm, Bob and I say to you "Shalom,"
We'll never forget you no matter the miles, as we leave for our new home.

May the year 5753 be blessed for each of you,
And with this final sentence, I bid you all adieu!

Roaming the Past with David Schulman



The sign offered relief from troubled times. I knew the recession was deep and severe when while vacationing this summer at a South Carolina beach, I saw the advertisement: "Today only, Miss Theresa Marie will give palm readings for half price. One question free."

Answers. . . Questions. . . Faith.

On a recent Sunday evening, one of my son's fellow second-graders died. She had been riding her bicycle in her driveway and fell over a bank, crashing into a metal fence. My wife, Denissa, Nathan and I attended the funeral. The congregation sat stunned, listening to three preachers among a backdrop of floral assortments, one of which had a pack of Skittles candy attached. We said nothing, but desperately we were asking, "Why God, why?" Even in my mid-life malaise, I found myself furious at the injustice of this death.

My generation has achieved much in the way of developing hi-tech objects. We now have compact discs which replaced cassettes which replace 45 and 33 speed records. We have VCR Plus to program future television shows. We have laser this and laser that which will take out gall bladders with a one inch cut rather than the old massive slice way. We have lawyers that make a case of injustice from things that used to require a simple band-aid. Yet, with all this, do we really have any more satisfying answers to what this life is all about?

It has been said my generation are whiners. I must admit we do a good job at that. We are one of the first generations that had time to whine. Other generations were busy doing things like trying to survive. At least we can feel good about the fact we have contributed to the economy by creating huge demands in certain fields such as psychotherapy. I read

where we are now called "Yuffies," young urban failures.

In looking for answers, a few things have become more clear to me. If you want a clear-cut answer or a darn good question, go ask a kid. My daughter, Stephanie, now 13, came up with her truth several years ago. "There's no better place to start than at the beginning," she declared. Most of us like to start either in the muddled middle or near the finish line.

While our family was in a restaurant recently, Nathan, age 8, came up with one of his concise earth shattering statements. I had guessed that he would order chicken fingers from the children's menu (not a great achievement since there were only three choices.) Nathan looked at me and asked how I knew that. "Super Dad" confidently rushed to give the answer. "Because you and I think alike." Nathan cocked his head and looked at me with a condescending gaze. "No, we don't." I was flabbergasted. How could this be? "Why do you say that?" I ask nervously. Nathan looked me squarely in the eyes and said, "Because I am the son and you are the father." Think about that one.

Sometimes questions are better than answers. Recently, I heard a man retelling a story that changed the direction of his life. The man, now retired, had been helping his uncle in the uncle's factory during the summer. The boy had done very well in athletics but skipped classes quite frequently. After "shlepping around" large bolts of fabric in the hot warehouse the boy stopped to wipe his brow and, I am sure, "qvetch" a little. "Do you want to do this the rest of your life?" the uncle asked. The boy studied a lot harder from that day forward and still remembers the question.

Today we not only demand answers, we must put them in ten second

phrases. Ross Perot, before his imitation of a ferret looking for a hole, confused the media by not allowing himself to be subject to "ten second soundbites." Soundbites are edited video clips of candidates' discussing complex issues and taking a stand on them in ten seconds or less. After all, we are busy people. Our freeways are packed, and we are always late. Can't all of life's questions be answered in ten seconds?

Are there no answers? Yes, I think there are a few, but they might not be exactly where we are looking for them.

Recently, I called a relative I had never met. Lillian Silver of Cincinnati, Ohio, is a cousin of my late mother. In trying to get more information on how it must have felt to live in Mom's era as a young immigrant from Poland (Mom told me very little), I stumbled on one of my answers. Lillian told me of a typical Sunday afternoon in Jersey City where the Zheutlin/Schneider clans lived. They worked together, played together, fought and loved together. One of the uncles had "done well" and moved "uptown."

On most Sundays, Uncle Dan Schneider would send his LaSalle car back down to Montgomery Street to pick up all the relatives for an afternoon at his house. She says they played the piano, sang, ate, and even argued a little. They were poor but didn't know it.

I had never been to Jersey City or ridden in a LaSalle. I never heard the singing or tasted the Zheutlin *rugelach*, but I hung up the phone and went into the bathroom to cry. In my innocent questions, I had stumbled on something I never knew I had lost. That emptiness that slips over me sometimes without a seeming reason now had a reason. I hate the empty handshaking and lonely "We'll have to get together sometime." I want to live like the Zheutlins and millions of others used to live.

Dr. Schulman's Tonic for the Day: Don't look so hard for the right answers, ask the right questions.

Though it is hard to find faith in the encyclopedia, go ahead and take a large daily dose. Sometimes a "go

ahead" signal for the heart is better than one from the brain.

When faith doesn't calm the soul or soothe the heart, argue a little with God. I don't think he minds. At least we are talking to him and that's a good start.

Miss Theresa Marie's half-price special is now over. I must admit it seems tempting to be able to think we can get all the answers, on the spot. God and I had quite a tiff over the loss of Nathan's friend. I didn't get an answer, but it was comforting to know I was asking the only one that had answers. There's no better place to start than at the beginning.

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Constitutional Reform in Israel

In March of this year, the Knesset of Israel passed an important piece of legislation. *Basic Law: The Government, Direct Election of the Prime Minister* makes the prime minister Israel's chief executive.

This long needed reform was achieved by a coalition of four members of the Knesset, each of a different political party. It is believed that the more formal system of separation of powers will increase the stability and responsibility of Israel's political system. The bargaining power of the very small parties should be weakened in their attempt to stay in power.

In the next election, Israeli voters will choose their head of government by direct election, with the requirement that the winner have at least 50 percent plus one of the votes. If necessary, there will be a second round to gain that majority. Further, the elected head may be removed only by a majority vote of the entire Knesset, whereby the Knesset would be dissolved automatically.

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Temple Beth El Dedicates New Synagogue

Shalom Park, Charlotte, N.C.

by Lynne Cojac

It is with great pride and excitement that Temple Beth El celebrates the start of this New Year in its new synagogue on the campus of Shalom Park.

This is the culmination of a dream!

Although the first service in the new Temple occurred on August 21, the formal Dedication Weekend will be held on October 9, 10 and 11 when the High Holy Days are over and more of the finishing touches are in place.

The Shabbat Service of Dedication will begin at 8 p.m. on Friday, October 9. Our guest speaker will be Rabbi Eric Yoffie, vice president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. The Temple's choir will sing that evening.

On Saturday, October 10, there will be a gala dinner reception in The Silverman Fellowship Hall. Featured entertainer will be David Brenner, international comedian.

Sunday, October 11, will complete the weekend with a family day of planned activities. The culmination of the day and weekend will be the celebration of Erev Sukkot in the Temple's new Sukkah.

Temple Beth El's History

The story of Temple Beth El takes us back almost fifty years to late December of 1942. It was then that a representative from Hebrew Union College, Rabbi Philip Frankel, came to Charlotte to talk about the formation of a new Reform Temple.

The first service was held on Friday night, January 1, 1943 in the Tryon Room of the Hotel Charlotte with Rabbi Samuel R. Shillman of Sumter, S.C., officiating. Directly following the service, Rabbi Shillman led an organizational meeting at which temporary officers and Board of Trustees were elected and Temple Beth El was founded. Its name was taken from Genesis, where it says "How awesome is this place. This is none other than the abode of God. . . He named

that site Beth El. . ."

The original membership of the congregation was eight families. Rabbi Frankel, the visitor from Hebrew Union College, became our first rabbi. The congregation's first home was at 1412½ East Morehead Street—a room above what was then a grocery store.

By 1946, membership had grown to 68 families and the formal dedication for the original Providence Road site was held on January 28, 1949. By 1952, membership had grown to 116 families. The education building was added in 1954, followed by Fellowship Hall in 1961.

By the late 1960s, aware that the Temple's facility could not continue to provide adequately for the congregation, the Temple Board started looking for a new site. The Temple yearbook for 1971 notes "The long-range planning committee of Temple Beth El has accomplished its dream.

We have purchased 24 acres of land on Providence Road near Lansdowne. It is much more than just land; it represents for all of us a vision. It is a vision of children working with the educational facilities that are so desperately needed; it is a vision of a new sanctuary where prayer and pride meet; it is a vision of recreational facilities for our youth to enjoy."

The New Temple

Our new Temple has been placed on the same high ground first envisioned by that long-range planning committee. The structure was designed by Kehert, Shatken, Sharon Architects of Princeton, N.J. and inspired by the Old Temple in Jerusalem. Our Building Committee worked long and hard with the architects to achieve their vision, though finishing touches and landscaping remain to be completed. Let me take you on a verbal tour of the new Temple.

As you turn into the Temple's drive-



The impressive antique marble Ark from a disbanded temple in New Jersey is the focus of the new sanctuary of Temple Beth El.

All photos by Ethel Gordon



Ark and Eternal Light from original Temple at 1727 Providence Road are now installed in The Gold Family Chapel/Library.

way from Shalom Park Drive, you pass the location for the meditation garden on your left. The front entrance to the building is preceded by the ceremonial courtyard which has a presence of its own, helping to prepare you for your entry into a place of importance. Once inside, the entry hall has a high ceiling and is sunfilled and wide. Its walls are graced with recesses and lighting for artwork and Judaica. Walking straight ahead, you enter The Blumenthal Sanctuary. The cathedral ceiling of the sanctuary lends a modern, spacious feeling to the interior and was beautifully incorporated with an antique marble Ark which is the focal point of the room. The Ark is surrounded by windows. This blending of the old with the new is only one example of many in which there is a symbolic bridge of our Jewish past with our future. Old traditions reinterpreted for a modern world are the heart of Reform Judaism.

Sanctuary seating can be expanded from a regular capacity of 380 to 1093 for High Holy Days. A custom-designed Allen digital organ is installed in the sanctuary, with twin audio systems in chambers on either side of the Ark. The organ is supplemented by a Yamaha tone generator which creates additional synthesized

sounds to augment the organ.

The Interior Committee has created an environment which evokes feelings of serenity and contemplation through its selection of colors, fabrics and furnishings. Colors of grey and warm terra cotta were used along with mahogany woodwork, slate foyers, and a good deal of marble.

The stained glass windows were designed by artist Robert Pinart and will be installed by Wilmark Studios of Pearl River, N.Y. The designs are quite abstract and the color densities chosen are fairly light so as to admit more sunlight. An interesting amount of subject matter from biblical verses and proverbs, such as, "Let my people go that they might worship me," "We as a people should be a light unto the nations," "A woman of valor," and "Happy is the man that findeth wisdom," was incorporated into the designs.

The Temple has the Gold Family Chapel/Library in which more intimate services will be held. This chapel contains the Ark and Eternal Light from our previous sanctuary.

There are a bridal room and two large meeting rooms.

The new Silverman Fellowship Hall seats 325 people for dinner and overlooks the site of the gardens and Sukkah. A spacious, workable kitchen has been planned by the Kitchen Committee. Many Temple dinners will be prepared for enjoyment in Fellowship Hall.

The gift shop, filled with a complete line of Judaica, will be open to the public. Down the hall from the gift shop are the Temple's offices.

Religious School classes will continue to be held in the education building at the Jewish Community Center as will Religious School classes for Temple Israel. This is in keeping with the Joint Venture Agreement for Shalom Park.

Memorials will be placed throughout the Temple and its grounds, infusing the synagogue with a heritage for our children and grandchildren.

More than a building, Temple Beth El is composed of its members who come together to pray, share *simchas*, learn and keep the traditions of

Judaism alive. The Temple can provide a sense of belonging and "connectedness," a network of support to those who wish to be part of their Temple family.

Please join us for worship, meet our members, partake of our programming, enjoy the sanctity of our new home at Shalom Park, 5101 Providence Road, Charlotte, N.C.

Other Beth El News

Temple Beth El Social Club's programs for the fall include a weekend retreat in October, Carolina Cup Races in Camden in November, and its annual Chanukah Party, which is always special, in December. New members interested in joining this active social club are always welcome.

Oct. 3 will be the Bat Mitzvah of Stacey Blacker, daughter of Nancy and David Blacker. Philip Schreibman will become a Bar Mitzvah on Oct. 24. He is the son of Sara and Michael Schreibman.

On Oct. 18, Rabbi Robert Seigel will be leaving many friends and family behind when he and his wife, Faye, leave Charlotte for their new congregation in Fresno, Cal. A part of many of our members' life cycles events, Rabbi Seigel will be missed. An interim rabbi will serve the congregation.

The annual Wildacres Retreat on Labor Day Weekend, coordinated by Arthur Kramer, Religious School Educator, featured Rabbi Robert Seigel and guest, Rabbi Robert Lehman. In addition to learning and discussions, the weekend included children and adult activities, bingo and other games, and the "big show" on Sunday night.



Kibbitzing—Community News

Temples

Temple Beth ha-Tephila Asheville, N.C.

by Marjorie Schachter

Our New Rabbi

Our erudite and accomplished new Rabbi, Robert J. Ratner, officially conducted his first service at the Temple on Friday, Aug. 25. One of the high points of the service was the singing by Cantor Victoria May of New Orleans, joined by the Rabbi; the two on one occasion harmonized. The Cantor is the daughter of Shirley and Les Cohen, hosts of the evening's *oneg* held in honor of their anniversary.

Fresh from Billings, Mont., Rabbi Ratner is now at home in Asheville with his wife Susan and their children Joshua, 15, Shana, 11, Micah, 9, Dena, 6, Rebecca, 3, and Noah, 6 months, all of whom he introduced from the *bima*.

A 1975 summa cum laude graduate of U.C.L.A., and a member of Phi Beta Kappa, he earned his doctorate at Hebrew Union College. His past experience includes a 4-year stint as assistant professor of religion and director of the Jewish Studies Program at Wellesley College, Mass. He has been extensively involved in education on the college level in Montana and Ohio, and has been and is a member of many scholarly boards and associations. He was ordained in 1988.

We hope he and his family are as glad to be here as we are glad to have them.

Sisterhood

Irene Braun, new Sisterhood president, extended special thanks to Barbara Whittaker for her generous contribution in support of the covered dish dinner on July 24.

The Brotherhood

The new president, Les Schachter, asked the help of all members in the effort to carry out the aims of the organization. He expressed his hope that he can live up to the example of former president Arnold Sgan.

The Religious School

New school principal Jean Hansman promised some constructive program revisions for the '92-'93 season. She plans "a weekly assembly for . . . videos, singing, dancing, services on various holidays," and a new Hebrew curriculum, with appropriate "new books and teaching aids to keep everyone interested."

The Annual Picnic

Togetherness was the word for the annual Temple picnic, held on Aug. 2. It can truly be said that we did it together, and enjoyed it together.

Jointly sponsored by Sisterhood and Brotherhood, the picnic took place at a different venue this year; the feeling was that the Recreation Park on Gashes Creek Road was even more attractive than the old location; and that this was the best picnic we've had for years.

Congratulations

Best wishes to Stephen Sgan for completing his junior year at Duke University and achieving "Dean's List," and to Mark Sgan for completing his M.B.A. at the University of Georgia School of Management. Stephen and Mark are the sons of Dr. and Mrs. Arnold Sgan.

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TEMPLE ISRAEL DEDICATION

Charlotte, N.C., September 13, 1992



The Torahs were carried six miles from former Dilworth Road location to Shalom Park, just as in 1949 the Torahs had been carried from the old Seventh Street Shul to Dilworth synagogue.



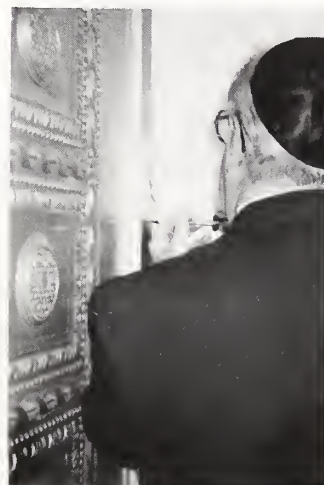
Rabbi H. Scott White led the procession of ten Torahs carried under Chupahs along the Temple driveway to the entrance of the new synagogue.



Temple youngsters placed Time Capsule behind cornerstone location.



The new Cornerstone was placed near the front door of Temple Israel just above the cornerstones brought from Dilworth Road and Seventh Street synagogues.



Honorary Life Presidents of Temple Israel affixed the Mezuzah at the front door.



After ribbon cutting and blowing of Shofar, everyone moved into the new sanctuary. The Torahs were held on the new Bimah during brief worship service led by Rabbi White, Marlene Fuerstman and the Temple Choir.



More than 700 congregants, dignitaries and guests watched Torahs being placed in their new home, the Holy Ark.

All photos by Alan S. Goldberg

Personals



Resa Goldberg

Goldberg-Wixson Wedding Charlotte, N.C.

Resa L. Wixson and Jonathan M. Goldberg were married June 20, 1992 at the Guest Quarters Suite Hotel in Charlotte. Rabbi David Zielonka officiated.

The bride is the daughter of John and Eleanor Wixson of Gastonia. She received a bachelor's degree from UNC-Charlotte and a master's degree in journalism from the University of Georgia. She is a reporter for BIZ, a national business publication.

The groom is the son of Alan and Ruth Goldberg of Charlotte. He received a bachelor's degree from UNC-Chapel Hill and is managing partner of Goldberg and Davis, CPA's.

Maid of honor was the bride's sister, Christina Wixson of Urbana, Ill. Best man was the groom's brother, Michael Goldberg of San Francisco, Cal.

The bride and groom honeymooned in Jamaica and live in Charlotte.



Susan and Marc Schwaber

Schwaber-Levin Wedding Charlotte, N.C.

Susan Gail Levin and Marc Jeffrey Schwaber were married May 2, 1992 at the Adam's Mark Hotel in Charlotte. The bride's brother, Rabbi Binyamin Levin, and Rabbi Richard Rocklin officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Barbara and Jerry Levin of Charlotte. She is a graduate of Charlotte Country Day School and New York University. She is a private consultant nutritionist in New York and was formerly with Bellevue Hospital Center.

The groom is the son of Alan and Elaine Schwaber of Roslyn Heights, N.Y. He is a graduate of Wheatley High School and the University of Florida. He is a mortgage broker, financial advisor and president of Skyscraper Consultant, Inc.

Matrons of honor were sisters of the bride, Linda Goldsmith and Nancy Kipnis. Bridesmaids were Laurie Fletcher, Ellen Segal, Maryann Jensen, Allison Miller and Sally Broncato. Flower girl was the bride's niece, Tracy Goldsmith, and ring bearer was the bride's nephew, Brian Goldsmith.

Best man was Scott Schwaber, brother of the groom. Groomsmen were Ron Jackenthal, Brian Meltsner, David Miller, Neil Bader, Mark

Goldsmith and Bob Kipnis.

The couple lives in Syosset, Long Island.



Andra Ellis
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Andra Ellis Receives Artist Project Grant

Mixed-media artist Andra Ellis of Charlotte, N.C., has just been awarded a North Carolina Council for the Arts Project Grant for 1992-1993. One of only six artists to be so honored, Ellis plans to use her grant to create her first installation piece. Her work, which explores the extremes of the human condition, has grown larger and more physically dynamic in recent years. Having moved from pedestal to wall, she expects that the installation format will permit an even freer environment for her investigations.

Only one year ago, Andra Ellis won a National Endowment for the Arts Visual Artist Fellowship. Her work, which was last seen in Charlotte in a solo exhibition at Hodges Taylor Gallery in February 1992, is in many important private collections, as well as the Luwa Corporation and Nations-Bank in Charlotte. Last year, the Mint Museum purchased a major piece for its permanent collection. It is currently on view in the Contemporary Art Collection.

Lina Levine and Joel Goldman to Exhibit at Jewish Community Center Charlotte, N.C.

Lina C. Levine and Joel Goldman will exhibit together at the Speizman Galleries in the Jewish Community Center, Shalom Park, Charlotte.

The exhibit will open with a reception on Sunday, Oct. 4 from 2 until 5 p.m. Everyone is cordially invited. The exhibit will remain for public viewing through November.

Mrs. Levine's works consist of collages, some with Jewish themes. Mr. Goldman is showing photographs taken during his many foreign trips.

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If you're unfamiliar with the poetry and novels and stories of these writers or would like to become more familiar with them before hearing them during the forum, the annual fall semester of the Jewish Studies Institute is offering a four session seminar beginning October 14 from 7:30 to 9 p.m. on the UNCA campus and continuing for the next two Wednesdays (Oct. 21 & 28) and concluding the

Wednesday after the forum (Nov. 11). The sessions will be led by UNCA faculty members Richard Chess, Peggy Parris, Edward Katz and Jeanne McGlinn, and Rabbi Shmuel Birnham of Beth Israel Synagogue.

The fee is \$25.00 per person. Space is limited to 45 people. For information and a registration form, call Dr. Richard Chess at (704) 251-6576.

Southern Jewish Historical Society

The Southern Jewish Historical Society is holding its 17th Annual

Organizations

A Forum of Jewish Writers

by Dr. Richard Chess

Jewish writers Yehuda Amichai, Lynne Sharon Schwartz, Esther Broner, Ellen Frankel, Robin Hemley and Alan Shapiro will participate in a two-day forum November 4 and 5 at various locations in Asheville. The free public forum is presented by The Center for Jewish Studies at UNCA and the Asheville Jewish Community Center.

"In and Out of Tradition: Encounters with Contemporary Jewish Writers" will feature readings by and discussions with these writers of imaginative literature, criticism and scholarship who will explore such questions as: How does Jewish culture influence the creative work of Jewish artists? Are there universal themes in Jewish literature? Storytelling for children, book signings, and a panel discussion are some of the other scheduled events.

This public forum is made possible by generous grants from the North Carolina Humanities Council, the North Carolina Arts Council, and the Western North Carolina Jewish Federation. Additional sponsors include public radio station WCQS, the Asheville-Buncombe Library System,

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Conference in Montgomery, Ala., Friday, Oct. 30-Sunday, Nov. 1.

Program chairman for the Conference is President-elect Beryl Weiner; President Sheldon Hanft, Past President Carol Hart, and others are helping plan the program. The weekend includes Sabbath services, workshops, academic sessions with scholars, programmed luncheons and banquet, installation of officers, an optional tour of Montgomery.

Anyone interested in attending should call **immediately**: Mrs. Beverly Lipton, SJHS Conference coordinator, (205) 277-5820 on Mon.-Fri., between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Raleigh Chapter of Hadassah by Linda Landau

Hadassah's annual Big Gifts Desert Reception will be held at the home of Lori and Eric Mason. It will take place on Sunday evening, Oct. 25, at 7:30 p.m. Debrah Barish and Jackie Woodland are co-chairmen of the event.

Our speaker is Maureen Schulman of Bellmore, N.Y. Miki is a well informed and delightful person with a sparkling personality. As an elected member of the national board of Hadassah and currently national member outreach department chairman, she will be able to give us an up-date on the pediatric department and, of course, the children's pavilion at Hadassah Hospital.

This is a very exciting time for our projects in Jerusalem. The enormous

aliyah of Soviet and Ethiopian families has made it *more* important than ever that we expand and improve all of our facilities. Hadassah has been in the forefront in training, retraining and doing what is best to accelerate the integration of the new people into Israeli society.

Hadassah Medical Organization comprises two university hospitals, a family and community health center, and outreach services. Each of us can feel proud of all these achievements, for we members all have had an opportunity to be helpful through generous giving.

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The First Annual Charlotte Jewish Women's Retreat by Lorrie Klemons

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The FEMALE A-GENDER is designed especially for you—a weekend retreat to get away-from-it-all! To expand your horizons, to learn and share with other Jewish women, to make new friends and simply to have a ball!

The program includes meals, social events, and guest speakers dealing with issues ranging from Jewish Feminism to "He Says—She Says."

The deadline for registering is Dec. 8. Please send your check for \$60 payable to WAORT (Crown City Chapter, Women's American ORT) to Lorrie Klemons at 7520 Kinvara Ct., Charlotte, N.C. 28270. Your check is your reservation. No refunds made after Dec. 5. If desired, please include the name of two friends with whom you'd like to room.

For more information, please call Lorrie Klemons, (704) 846-6790, or Ana Resnik, (704) 846-4431.

Jewish Feminist Conference Seattle, Wash., Oct. 29-Nov. 1

Exciting things will be happening in Seattle, Wash., Oct. 29-Nov. 1 when the interdisciplinary conference, "Judaism, Feminism and Psychology: Creating a Shelter in the Wilderness," will convene. More than 600 people are expected. The conference is sponsored by the Jewish Women's Caucus of the Association for Women in Psychology.

Over fifty workshops, discussions and panels will address the psychological significance of being Jewish and female. Topics include: Jewish identity development, ritual as healing, assimilation, reclaiming our Jewish mothers, body image, Jewish lesbians, female Holocaust survivors, Sephardic culture, African-American/Jewish relations, class differences—and much more. A small sampling of speakers includes: Evelyn Torton Beck, Ellyn Kaschak, Paula Caplan, Sue Elwell, Lenore Walker, Aviva Cantor and Sandra Butler.

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Lubavitch of North Carolina by Rabbi Yossi Groner

The month of Tishri, beginning with the Jewish New Year and the many holidays that follow, brings a feeling of freshness and excitement to adults and children alike. From the serious and solemn which we feel on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur to the joy and festivity which we express on Sukkot and Simchat Torah, Tishri is an excellent start for the new year.

At Lubavitch of North Carolina the philosophy holds that when you prepare properly for an upcoming holiday, you experience the event in a much more meaningful way. What better way to prepare than by studying and learning the meaning of the observances.

Classes were held for young and old at Lubavitch where participants learned about the origin of the holidays and how they are observed today. Special arts and crafts projects were held for children who eagerly discovered the art of making a Shofar and honey cups. The children have their own collective Lulav and Etrog

and helped build the Sukkah.

One of the highlights in preparing for the month of Tishri was the Mitzvah-phone-a-thon which was held on Sunday, Sept. 20. People in the Charlotte area were called by local volunteers and asked to consider accepting a new Mitzvah for the New Year.

Many of those called expressed surprise that this was not a fundraising call and gave serious thought to doing at least one more Mitzvah. Callers were enthusiastic with their mission, as they realized that they are helping their fellow Jews come closer to G-d and their Jewish heritage.

The project was sponsored by Lubavitch Women's Organization in Charlotte and coordinated by Janice Cantor, Dayle Glick, Alison Roberts and Cheryl Spangenthal. A special thank you to the volunteers and coordinators for their efforts on behalf of Lubavitch of North Carolina.

On Sukkot and Simchat Torah, there will be much activity at Lubavitch. A grand Simchat Torah celebration will be held at the Chabad House on Monday, Oct. 19, 7:30 p.m. The evening will begin with Maariv

service, followed by a large buffet-style Kiddush-feast. Hakafot and dancing will be after Kiddush and will involve children and adults. The event is open to everyone in the community.

Lubavitch Day School & Preschool

Lubavitch Day School & Preschool had an excellent start with the beginning of the new school year. New teachers and new students added to the excitement as the school opened its doors at two locations.

The younger children attend class at the Sardis Road site, where the new Lubavitch Education Center is being built. The older children attend class at the Shalom Park location.

More than 120 students are enrolled at the school, from early child development at the Preschool to grade 5 at the Day School. Students at the school are receiving the best in secular and Judaica education.

Holidays at the school are educational and enriching. Children use the same philosophical and scientific approach to Jewish studies as they use in secular studies. Hebrew language is taught as a whole language, and Jewish history and law are treated in a respectful manner.



Students at Lubavitch Day School in art class.

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Russian Children Undergo Bris-Circumcision

A first for four recent arrivals from Russia, who joined the Charlotte Jewish community: They have entered in the Covenant of Abraham and G-d by having a Bris-Circumcision.

Max and Gregory Lapushin along with Gregory Magilevsky and Edward Zolotaryov were denied a Bris in their old home, as it was against the law to engage in formal religious rituals under Soviet codes of behavior.

The project was the initiative of Lubavitch with the help of Rabbi Mendel Feigenson who counseled the children and their parents. Adrienne Rosenberg of Jewish Family Service facilitated the negotiations with Carolina Medical Center in Charlotte. She was successful in convincing the hospital to render its services free of charge.

Dr. Gerson Asrael, a prominent Urologist in Charlotte, performed the delicate surgery. The Bris was performed by Rabbi Ariel Asa, a certified Mohel from Savannah. A special thank you to Dr. Asrael for his help and extra care and sensitive handling of the staff, parents and children.

"A View from the Hill" N.C. Hillel News

by Rabbi Frank A. Fischer

The operative word in the political arena in this year of Presidential election is *change*. Will there be a change in leadership in our nation or will we stay with the status-quo. The answer to that question will impact on all of us.

The same theme can be applied to North Carolina Hillel as we begin a new academic year. There are changes in the make up of the Jewish community on campus as we welcome the class of 1996. Hopefully, the incoming students will bring new energy and new ideas to the Hillel program so that we can build on the successes of the previous year.

There are changes in staffing and structure which will have a positive impact on our programs. Our new program director at UNC is Larry



Rabbi Feigenson and the Mohel, Rabbi Asa, meet with Russian children and their parents shortly after the Bris.

Bach. He replaces Hal Greenwald, who served in that capacity for two years and who has gone to Israel to work with Sherut La'am. Larry graduated from SUNY, Albany with a degree in Judaic Studies. He worked part-time for Hillel last year, coordinating Hillel activities on the campuses in Greensboro. Larry will also serve as program coordinator for NC State Hillel.

Through the initiative and generosity of a group of Duke parents and friends, a full-time director has been engaged to work with the Jewish student community on that campus. With the continued growth of the Jewish student population and with the ongoing plans for the building of a Center for Jewish Life, National Hillel felt it was vital to provide additional staff time for the Duke program. Michael Landy assumed the position of director of Hillel at Duke in mid-August. Michael comes to our community after serving two years as program director at Hillel at the Ohio State University. He and his wife Shari look forward to becoming involved in our community. I continue to serve as rabbinic advisor to the Duke program.

The Greensboro area colleges also have new advisors. Alex Goldstein works with students at UNC-G and Stacey Heller coordinates Hillel activities at Guilford. Both are involved in

reaching out to students at Elon College, Greensboro College and Wake Forest. Alex is an alumnus of UNC-G and served as president of the Hillel group there. Stacey Heller is a graduate of Guilford and also served as president of the Hillel group. Both know their campuses very well.

The Hillel group at UNC-Charlotte is also reviving after a number of years. Under the leadership of Jonathan Collman, an interested student, and with the assistance of Prof. Steve Fishman and the Hillel office in Chapel Hill, we look forward to developing activities for the students.

During the summer I had the opportunity to read and study material on the Council of Jewish Federations Population Survey and its impact on the campus scene. The Survey describes the state of the Jewish community in rather stark terms—decreasing knowledge of Judaism, decreasing involvement with Jewish communal life and increasing intermarriage. The Jewish future in America is uncertain. The Survey indicates that business as usual has not worked.

A quantum change in vision, priorities and determination is essential. It is time to refocus communal attention and responsibility on another Jewish population to be connected or reconnected to Judaism; it is time to

look more seriously at the campus and Jewish population.

The campus can be a transforming agent for Jewish continuity, just as it is the transforming agent for individual lives. These are the years when young Jews are most open to new ideas, when they are exploring options for living their lives. These years ought to be filled with exciting Jewish options: young Jews should leave campus more literate Jewishly, knowing intellectually and emotionally why they are Jews, the meaning Judaism can bring to their lives and how and why they should live as Jews.

It is ironic that at this crucial time National B'nai B'rith, one of Hillel's major underwriters, is forced to make drastic reductions in its support of Hillel. Our allocation has been reduced by 30% over the last two years. We now must provide for a change in the sources of our funding, relying increasingly on local community support and the support of parents, alumni, faculty and friends. The Hillel Board is being challenged to develop new fund-raising strategies to meet the crisis.

The Chinese character for crisis is composed of two parts—danger and

opportunity. The Population Survey describes the dangers that face the Jewish community. At the same time, we have a great opportunity to build and develop the generation which will be the Jewish community of tomorrow.

United Jewish Appeal Southeast Region Cluster Conference

by Ruth Goldberg

The United Jewish Appeal Southeast Region held a Cluster Conference at Shalom Park in Charlotte, N.C., on Sunday, Aug. 30 and Monday, Aug. 31. More than 200 people attended the conference.

Meg Goldstein of Charlotte and Sylvia Samet of Greensboro, N.C., served as Cluster Conference co-chairmen. Priscilla and Robert Siskin of Chattanooga, Tenn., are Small Cities Committee co-chairmen.

On Sunday, Donald Hess of Birmingham, Ala., Southeast Region chairman, presented the "Case for 93" in which he elaborated on the case for *giving* to include the case for *sharing* and *caring* as well. He feels that people *care* and *share* with peo-

ple, and Jews *care* about Jews.

Linda Beerman of Winston-Salem, N.C., led a workshop on "New Gifts; Gary Hill from Lincoln, Neb., dealt with "Appointment Making" and Solicitation Skills"; Israel Amitai, Hartford, Conn., and Albert Effrat, Miami, Fla., gave concurrent sessions on "Responding to Media Coverage of Israel."

Lili Kaufmann of Tampa, Fla., Southeast Region Women's Division chairman, encouraged everyone to go on one of dozens of UJA national, regional or community Missions to Israel during the coming year.

Luncheon speaker was Marvin Verbit, Ph.D., professor of sociology, Brooklyn College, N.Y. His topic was "Diaspora Jews: Our Relationship with Israel." There is a different set of priorities for Jews in America than for Israelis who are living an authentic Jewish life daily in the *one* Jewish community that has been there since the beginning of our history. UJA can help American Jews build a more meaningful American Jewish community by becoming real partners with Israel through participation and association with Judaism and Eretz Yisroel.

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The keynote address was given by Dr. Ellen Cannon, Ph.D., professor of political science at Northeastern Illinois and Roosevelt Universities. Dr. Cannon examined "American Jewry and the U.S. Political Process." This timely topic covered Jewish demographics and trends, the 1992 national and state elections, and global politics. Of particular urgency, she felt, was the need for every single person to vote. She cited the strengths and weaknesses of both presidential candidates, reported on the favorable positions toward Israel and against anti-Semitism in both political party platforms, and stressed the impor-

tance of knowing the views of the senators and representatives from one's state.

Other participants in Sunday's programs were Shelton Gorelick, president, Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte; Emily Zimmern, past president of Charlotte Jewish Federation; Richard Laibson, Asheville, N.C.; Tom Sloan, Greensboro, N.C.; Sam Bernstein, Augusta, Ga.; and Richard Osborne, Charlotte.

Monday's program was devoted to Women's Division. Areas covered were: "Case for 93" and "Fundraising at Fundraisers" by Ronne Hess, Birmingham; "Making It Happen: Every-

thing You Wanted to Know about the Jewish Agency and the JDC but Were Afraid to Ask" by Emily Zimmern; "Marketing the Women's Division—Where Women's Division Fits into the Community Structure" by Lili Kaufmann; "The Magic of Missions" and "Solicitation Skills" by Berry Zander of Greenville, S.C.

The keynote address was given by Israel Amitai. Other participants in Monday's sessions were Phyllis Schiffman and Sara Schreiber of Charlotte; Joan Lebauer, Greensboro; Sarah Yablon and Diane Prystowsky, Charleston, S.C.; and Marilyn Levy, Augusta.

CAJE News

by Lenora Stein, director

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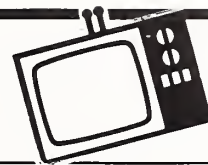
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The North and South Carolina teachers who recently attended the 17th Annual Conference on Alternatives in Jewish Education (CAJE) at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles joined with 1700 Jewish teachers from across North America for 5 days of intensive study. Posing here for the traditional group photo are (front row, L. to R.): Lenora Stein, executive director, Carolina Agency for Jewish Education; Rabbi Leah Benamy, Temple Emanuel, Gastonia, N.C.; (standing, L. to R.): Nancy Levin, education director, Beth Meyer, Raleigh, N.C.; Arthur Kramer, education director, Temple Beth El, Charlotte; Andrea Wilson, Charlotte Jewish Preschool; Judith Greenfarb, education director, Tree of Life, Columbia, S.C.; Roz Cooper, education director, Temple Israel, Charlotte; Wendy Rosen, Temple Israel, Charlotte; Sue Brodsky, director, Consolidated High School of Jewish Studies of Charlotte; Eve Kedem, education director, Judea Reform, Durham, N.C.



Books, Arts and Media



The Arab World: Nation, State and Democracy

by Fawzy Mansour Zed Books

135 pp. \$49.95 hardback/

\$10.95 paperback

Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

In *The Arab World*, Fawzy Mansour tries to explain how and why capitalism and democracy failed to develop in the Arab world, despite the intellectual, commercial and social brilliance of the civilization to which it gave rise between the seventh and twelfth centuries. He looks for answers in the birth and consolidation of Islam, the militarization of the power structure and its control over trade and wealth, and the extra-national character of the bourgeoisie.

The author focuses in particular on Egypt, Saudi Arabia and Algeria and on contemporary nationalist movements, the impact of oil wealth and the effects of the Arab-Israeli conflict.

The theory is that the enormous wealth of the oil-rich countries pulls them into even greater dependence on the world capitalist system. Poorer Arab countries like Egypt and Algeria are playing no role as leaders of a Pan-Arab movement.

Fawzy Mansour's outlook is pessimistic on the future. He believes prospects of reversing the trend of dependence on advanced capitalist countries are slight.

The Arab World is one of a series arising from a United Nations University study on nation, state and democracy in the main regions of the Third World. This book aids in the understanding of the Middle East. What I fail to understand is the following:

On page 38, under "The Implantation of Israel and Its Significance," there is the statement, "...in forty years the little state of Israel has fought four wars with its neighbors, interspersed with countless raids, strikes, incursions and campaigns, and in all four major confrontations

the Arab side has been defeated." Six lines below, the author states, after enumerating excuses given by the Arabs for their losses, "With every excuse came the implicit or explicit promise that if the Israelis came again (as they were sure to do), the Arabs would not this time be caught off guard." But again the Arabs lost and there were "still greater imperialist-Israeli gains."

According to this account, each war was launched by Israel, and the United States, France, England and capitalism are the responsible parties.

This book was written in French in early 1988, before the collapse of the Soviet Union. I understand that the author feels that socialism would have been the proper response to the challenge of the West, with reference to the systems of China and the Soviets. This English translation is recent. In any case, it is interesting to learn the viewpoint of a serious Arab, an Egyptian economist who admits Arab failings, but explains what he sees as their causes.

Titles from Zed Books are widely available in the United States through Humanities Press International Inc., 165 First Avenue, Atlantic Highlands, NJ 07716, Tel (908) 872-1441, FAX (908) 872-0717.

Politics & Bigotry

by Kenneth S. Stern

American Jewish Committee 31 pp.

\$3.00

Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

The American Jewish Committee's specialist on anti-Semitism and extremism, Kenneth S. Stern, has written an excellent booklet on *Politics & Bigotry*, telling how and why it works in the political process, mainly in election campaigns.

This useful treatise suggests ways to oppose bigotry and make it not only ineffective, but costly to the perpetrators.

Federal Election and Internal Revenue laws require tax-exempt, non-profit organizations to refrain from attempts to counteract bigotry in election campaigns. Mr. Stern offers arguments for and against changing portions of those laws. He also suggests methods of influencing the media in their use of prejudicial propaganda and advertising.

He outlines the use of bigotry throughout U.S. history in the elections through restriction of voting rights, gerrymandering, etc.

Indicating that hate-mongers are much better organized than political parties to resist their bigotry, he offers the means of combatting the harm wrought by the former.

A copy of this informative booklet is obtainable by sending \$3.00 to The American Jewish Committee, Institute of Human Relations, 165 E. 56 St., New York, N.Y. 10022-2746.

The Topical Josephus

by Cleon L. Rogers, Jr.

Zondervan Publishing House,
Division of HarperCollins 238 pp.

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Many people today buy the works of Josephus, but few read them, because his two major books, *Jewish Antiquities* and *The Jewish War*, are massive historical accounts. Yet Josephus is crucial to our understanding of the centuries preceding the destruction of Jerusalem in A.D. 70 and especially the decades in which Christianity originated.

Flavius Josephus was the son of a Jewish priest and at one time served as a Roman commander in Galilee. He was eyewitness to many events that occurred in Palestine during New Testament times. Commissioned in part by the emperor Titus, Josephus' writings provide the best nonbiblical source of information on Jewish society and history during the inter-testamental and early Christian eras.

Cleon Rogers has sifted through Josephus' works and has brought together in narrative form all the information they contain about important people (such as Herod the Great, Archelaus and Antipas), institutions (such as the Pharisees, Sadducees and Essenes), and events (such as the fall of Jerusalem and the fall of Masada).

Cleon L. Rogers, Jr., now retired, was the director of the Freie Theologische Akademie in Giessen, Germany. He is the translator and editor of the *Linguistic Key to the Greek New Testament*.

The World Is My Home

by James A. Michener

Random House 519 pp. \$25.00

Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

Outstanding in the memoirs of James Michener is his report of the greatest of his treasures. "I think that anyone who lives a long life carries with him or her a heavy baggage of memory. . . ." He values most his treasure of music, art and literature, legacies of the best minds that preceded us.

"These riches never die. The great songs echo still, the colors of the paintings do not fade. . . They have echoed in my mind when I needed consolation and been at hand when I required dedication to some old task or inspiration in a new. . ." Those words are the summary of his chapter on "Vice," which tells how he became addicted to the cultural arts.

In this story of his endless travels, he gives details of his visits to the many places on all of the continents, where he gathered the material for his many best selling books. Always intensely interested in each place and its people, he recounts in some detail the assignments which prompted the travels and his experiences.

The list of titles of his books numbers almost three dozen; most of us are familiar with one or more, at least, *The Source*, the long history of the Jewish people. The list of honors conferred upon the author is as long as the number of his books. He holds honorary doctorates in five fields from

thirty leading universities.

Seemingly unprejudiced, daring but not reckless, he has lived life fully, and now in his mid-eighties has retained remarkable enthusiasm to continue learning about the world in which he feels at home.

Jewish Wisdom: A Treasury of Proverbs, Maxims, Aphorisms, Wise Sayings and Memorable Quotations

Compiled by David C. Gross and

Esther R. Gross

Walker & Co. 216 pp.

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In nearly four thousand years of turbulent history, the Jewish people have learned a thing or two, lessons that can come under the heading of "Jewish Wisdom." Assembled in this book are some of these lessons, more than one thousand proverbs, wise sayings, and memorable quotations from the past and from our own time, all meant to advance wisdom and understanding. Arranged alphabetically by more than three hundred topics, these entries may instruct, inspire, guide and even lead the reader to the good life. At the very least, they will open up a whole new dimension of self-exploration.

David C. Gross has written or edited eleven books of Jewish interest. In addition to his writing career, he has been executive vice president of the Jewish Publication Society and the editor of two previous books for Walker: *Pride of Our People* and *Laughing Through the Years: A New Treasury of Jewish Humor*, both of which are available in Large Print. Esther R. Gross assisted in compiling this collection.

A Good, Protected Life

by Joseph Kaufman

Walker & Co. 166 pp. \$19.95

Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

A Good, Protected Life is an adventure story which is praised by spokesmen of the Jewish community from Reform to Orthodox. Small wonder, since the story covers so much terri-

tory, that it strikes chords familiar to all of us.

The novel is related by Murray Orloff, telling the confused tale of his American Jewish family and their search for meaning. From prosperous suburban style life in Massachusetts to New York, then into the mid-west and on to the far west in the United States, they make Aliyah to Jerusalem.

High adventures take off from there, across northern Africa, then deeper into the Saharan desert. Those are the geographic scenes of the book which tells of the quest of the soul through the ethical world of Judaism.

Conflict between members of the family does not convince the reader of the righteousness of any individual, but the influence of conscience on each one leads him to decisions, sometimes impulsive, which direct the course of the story.

A Good, Protected Life is remarkably well written. The author, Joseph Kaufman, studied under Bernard Malamud and John Gardner at Bennington College. He spent two years in the Peace Corps in Togo, and now lives in Jerusalem with his wife and three children.

Even if fiction is not your usual choice, there is little doubt that you will enjoy reading *A Good, Protected Life*.

Jewish Environmental Scan

The Council of Jewish Federations has printed a scan of the American Jewish Community toward the year 2,000, which contains statistics and trends that are useful and interesting.

Since local Federations need to prepare for conditions and changes, informed projections of what may be expected are vital, even though they offer only valuable predictions from careful assessments of society today.

The *Environmental Scan* is a help in community planning for social and financial aspects, and it can help to establish priorities for future leaders.

To order, send \$15 to Council of Jewish Federations, 730 Broadway, New York, N.Y. 10003.

Renewed Each Day: Daily Twelve Step Recovery Meditations Based on the Bible

by Rabbi Kerry M. Olitzky and Aaron Z.

Jewish Lights Publishing 2 volumes combined 441 pp. \$27.90, also available separately, (Call to order 1-800-962-4544).

It is estimated that 10% of American Jews have problems with addictions—the same percentage as in the general population.

There is growing awareness of the extent of addictions in the Jewish Community—and growing determination to do something about them. Now, an inspiring new book is available to help all people who would gain strength to heal and insight from the Torah and the teachings of Jewish tradition.

In *Renewed Each Day: Daily Twelve Step Recovery Meditations Based On The Bible*, a recovering person and a rabbi who is reaching out to addicted people show that Torah and “Twelve Step” recovery programs together can help lead the way to recovery from addictions of all kinds: alcohol, drugs, food, gambling, sex. Using a seven day/weekly format, they reflect day-by-day on the traditional Torah reading and the recovery process, bringing strong spiritual support for daily living. A profound sense of the Jewish spirit soars through their words and brings Jewish people who are in “Twelve Step” recovery programs home to their Jewish roots.

Renewed Each Day is jointly written by Aaron Z., a Jewish recovering person who chooses to remain anonymous and by Rabbi Kerry M. Olitzky, co-author of the widely acclaimed, *Twelve Jewish Steps To Recovery: A Personal Guide To Turning From Alcohol & Other Addictions* (Jewish Lights Publishing, 1991).

Renewed Each Day looks at the Torah through the prism of recovery and spiritual renewal. It is a book that encourages recovery by providing a

host of inspirational, enriching and heartfelt spiritual insights from the weekly Torah readings. It is, as Aaron Z. puts it, “a way of teaching Torah to those who know a little bit about recovery, a way of teaching recovery to those who know a little bit about the Torah, and a way of teaching about spiritual growth to anyone.”

Renewed Each Day is arranged in accordance with the way the five books of the Torah are traditionally read: one *parashah*, or section, each week. Each week's portion is given a recovery-relevant theme, and, for each day, there is a direct quote from either the Torah portion or elsewhere in the Jewish tradition, with a brief, insightful, often moving commentary related to the weekly theme.

Aaron Z., who chose to co-author the book anonymously so that he could more freely share his experiences and insights as a recovering addict, explains: “For me, the spiritual awakening that recovery brings simply could not happen without a simultaneous spiritual awakening in the Jewish tradition. I kept making these very personally meaningful connections between recovery principles and Judaism. And it helped both my recovery and my religious growth to know that these links were there. Judaism provides an abundance of soul-nourishing material that can help all of us lead more healthy, fulfilling and enriching lives.”

For Rabbi Olitzky, who is the director of The School of Education at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in New York City and the organizer of many retreats and seminars on substance abuse in the Jewish Community, the interest in recovery comes from a basic Jewish commitment to healing. “Judaism teaches that we must reach out to people in pain—that we are our brothers' and our sisters' keepers. As I became aware of the extent of this problem and its devastating toll on so many people and those close to them, and of the seeming reluctance of the Jewish community to acknowledge the problem—much less do something about it—I decided that I had to help.”

According to Olitzky, “Twelve Steps” recovery models work and they can be made accessible for Jews. “The ‘Twelve Steps’ and the Torah both emphasize that the way to get back on the right path is to shift from doing what we want to do to doing what is right to do. Our tradition holds that the Torah speaks in many voices, on many levels. In writing this book, my hope is to help those in recovery to hear those healing and uplifting voices speak to them.”

And, judging from the success of *Twelve Jewish Steps To Recovery*, which the *Association of Jewish Libraries Newsletter* recently called “an underground best-seller,” the message is being heard. Readers' written responses to the book range from “saved my life” to “A God-send. A book from the Higher Power.” In only six months since publication, sales of *Twelve Jewish Steps To Recovery* are approaching 8,000 copies.

Prominent leaders from different parts of the Jewish community have contributed Forewords and Afterwords to the two volume work: Executives of **The JACS Foundation** (Jewish Alcoholics, Chemically Dependent Persons, Significant Others) in New York City; **Rabbi Michael A. Singer**, Professor of Jewish Thought at the University of Notre Dame and a participant in a recovery program; **Sharon Strassfeld**, co-editor of the popular *Jewish Catalog* series, and **Rabbi Harold M. Schulweis** of Temple Valley Beth Shalom in Encino, California, who is widely recognized as an innovative and inspiring religious educator. Together, they provide a united voice that speaks clearly to the vital importance of addressing the addiction problems that plague all parts of the Jewish community.

A wide range of treatment professionals and Jewish leaders have praised *Renewed Each Day*. **Rabbi Irving (Yitz) Greenberg**, President of CLAL writes that the book “meets a vital need.” **Robert H. Albers, Ph.D.**, Editor of *The Journal of Ministry in Addiction & Recovery* calls it “Blends the wisdom of the ages represented in the tradition with the twelve steps to recovery and wholeness.”

Essential Papers on Messianic Movements

Edited by Marc Saperstein

New York University Press 580 pp.

Paperback \$25

Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

The full title of this book is *Essential Papers on Messianic Movements and Personalities in Jewish History*. The editor views the personalities of the head of each movement and of his followers as even more important than the historical setting of the movement.

There are nine major divisions covering periods in history to the present time, preceded by a chapter of overviews by two authorities. A final chapter is entitled, "Summaries and Re-evaluation," and includes a piece called "Jewish Messianism," by Gershon Scholem, and an essay by Jacob Taubes on "The Price of Messianism."

The introduction by Marc Saperstein is an excellent examination of the concept of messianism, viewed in the eras in which various movements arose in the societies and geographic locations of those covered. There were undoubtedly some lesser false messiahs who have been forgotten, due to lack of records.

It is interesting to learn that in every messianic movement there were the two elements, spiritual and physical-political. The recurring experience of oppression and humiliation, especially during the diaspora, but even before it during periods of hardship, kept the messianic hope alive.

The influence of early Zionism on the messianic idea and the vision of redemption are covered in a relatively short chapter which deals also with the recreation of the State of Israel. The return of Jews to Eretz Israel is, of course, closely connected to the idea of the arrival of the messiah. Whether the connection to the modern state is valid is a matter discussed now by those concerned. Early Zionists differed from today's in their messianic vision.

Messianic movements and their personalities are herein presented

from viewpoints of the authors of the essays contributed to this book. Morton Smith describes ways of identifying a messianic pretender and methods of becoming one:

"The most likely way to become a messiah was to begin as a robber. If an industrious and affluent robber decides to move his business out of the city, finds himself a stronghold in the countryside, attracts a gang of followers and preys on wealthy travellers and the country estates of the rich, he becomes a bandit. It's a recognized social position and normally terminal; he may remain a bandit for years without any higher pretensions. But if his band is drawn largely from the surrounding villages and consequently has many friends and supporters there, if he builds up a following among the poor, if the country is governed by an alien power to which, and to its agents, the people are generally hostile, and if this power is losing its grip, so that bandits are not put down promptly, our man can develop into a local political leader. He will then gather more forces: if the situation deteriorates further he may venture to attack government garrisons, or even defeat a force sent to capture him. He thus becomes a revolutionary; his band will grow yet larger; he may win the allegiance of some other bandit chiefs, dream of making himself king, and claim in advance to be the destined king, the Lord's Messiah. After all, David had made it." That is only one view.

Section VIII of *Essential Papers of Messianic Movements* contains three pieces on Zionism and the State of Israel. These subjects are "Israel and the Messiah," "Foundations of a Political Messianic Trend in Israel," and "Messianic Postures in Israel Today."

This book deals with messianism in its many aspects in a scholarly and detailed manner. It is an excellent text for thorough understanding of the messianic concept through the ages, covering 2500 years, and the best book of its kind to have been published recently. Twenty-one creditable authorities have written these essays in interesting and enlightening language and style.

Jews in Poland

The Catholic Theological Academy of Warsaw, Poland, has published a book, edited by the Rev. Waldemar Chrostowski, which discusses the status of Christian-Jewish relations today.

Jews and Christians in Dialogue contains the proceedings of the historic 1988 Anti-Defamation League and Polish Bishops Catholic Conference in Krakow. The book was published in Polish by the Catholic Theological Academy of Warsaw.

It contains details of the implementation of Vatican II documents, a condemnation of anti-Semitism and the meaning of the Holocaust from both Christian and Jewish perspectives. It fosters a sense of friendship that was not possible under the Communist regime, according to Rabbi Leon Klenicki, ADL director of Interfaith Affairs, who participated in the conference and wrote a preface to the book. Also included in the conference were representatives of Jews from the U.S., England and Israel.

The Catholic group was headed by the Archbishop of Krakow and Bishop Muszynski of Gdansk, chairman of the Polish Episcopate's Committee for Catholic/Jewish Relations.

Sacred Days A Calendar and Daily Planner 5753

by CLAL—The National Jewish
Center for Learning and Leadership
Universe 161 pp. \$10

Sacred Days, a Calendar and Daily Planner 5753 (1992-93), is a unique publication. It premieres insightful and provocative commentaries on Jewish holidays and the weekly Torah readings. It contains a holiday chart and candlelighting charts.

It is a handy and informative calendar book to keep on one's desk or kitchen counter.

To order *Sacred Days*, please send \$10 plus \$2 for shipping to CLAL, 99 Park Ave., suite C-300, New York, N.Y. 10016. Please allow 2-3 weeks for delivery.

Putting God on the Guest List

by Rabbi Jeffrey K. Salkin

Jewish Lights 176 pp. \$21.95

Hardcover, \$14.95 Paperback

Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

Putting God on the Guest List is subtitled, *How to Reclaim the Spiritual Meaning of Your Child's Bar or Bat Mitzvah*.

This book is addressed to parents of young children. It should be read long years before their thirteenth birthdays. It is addressed, also, to other Jews, as well as to Christians who seek meaning from important life cycle events. Msgr. Thomas Hartman said, "As a Catholic clergyman who has helped prepare young people for confirmation, I find Rabbi Salkin's book to be a source of inspiration and direction."

Praise of Rabbi Salkin's work comes from all sectors of Judaism, from Orthodox to Reform. Everyone knows that the celebration of the Bar/Bat Mitzvah has become secularized, increasing with the affluence of American Jews in the 20th century. Indeed, families unable to afford the expense of the usual dinner-dance in a hotel, which has become the common type of party after the service in a synagogue, suffer feelings of shame or envy, and often go into debt to imitate the extravagant parties they have attended on these occasions.

Rabbi Salkin believes a young teenager searches for meaning, and expects to be different after Bar/Bat Mitzvah. The important event plays a large part in affirming the family's sense of values, which are imprinted upon the maturing child, knowingly or subconsciously.

Rabbi and spiritual leader of Central Synagogue of Nassau County in Rockville Centre, New York, Jeffrey Salkin is one of the most thoughtful Jewish writers and teachers of our time. His writing has appeared in the finest Jewish publications, and he is active on the Commission on Outreach for The Union of American Hebrew Congregations and in the Association of Reform Zionists of America. He holds a Doctor of Ministry from Princeton Theological Sem-

inary and teaches at Hebrew Union College, Jewish Institute of Religion in the Doctor of Ministry Program.

Jewish Lights Publishing has pledged a portion of receipts from sales of this book to Mazon, the organization which allocates funds to hunger organizations in our country. Most of its money comes from donations of a percentage of the cost of celebratory events by those who are the hosts of those parties.

Putting God on the Guest List: How to Reclaim the Spiritual Meaning of Your Child's Bar or Bat Mitzvah is available in better bookstores or directly from Jewish Lights Publishing, P.O. Box 237, Sunset Farm Offices, Route 4, Woodstock, Vt. 05091, or phone (802) 457-4000. Add \$2.95 for shipping. Credit card orders may be phoned: 1-800-962-4544.

The Big Lie: A True Story

By Isabella Leitner

Illustrated by Judy Pederson

Scholastic, Inc. 79 pp. \$13.95

Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

The Big Lie is a story of Isabella Leitner's experience of the Holocaust in Hungary in 1944 and 1945. She has written it for children aged 8 to 11, who will gain an understanding of the horrors inflicted by the Nazis on helpless victims.

Because the author tells what happened to her and her family without more atrocities than appropriate or tolerable to children, *The Big Lie* is a good introduction to teaching its story. From the Hungarian town of Kasvarda, in which 4,000 Jews lived, to Auschwitz, Isabella describes her ordeal, telling meanwhile something about the German organization of the plan to rid Europe of its Jews.

Hers was the opportunity to witness Dr. Mengele in action; hers the good fortune to be encouraged to persevere and to survive.

During a march from one concentration camp to another in eastern Germany during a blizzard, Isabella escaped to a vacant house. Shortly afterwards, the Russian army arrived and rescued her and two of her sisters.

There is a happy ending for those

of the family who survived. The author writes now to preserve the memories of the Holocaust and to pay tribute to her family, especially to her mother who perished, but inspired her to bravery.

Grandma's Latkes

by Malka Drucker

Harcourt Brace Jovanovich 32 pp.

\$13.95

Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

This book will delight children aged 4 to 8 years, and it is a perfect gift for Chanukah.

It combines the preparation of potato latkes with the story of the Maccabees, and includes a standard recipe for latkes, with the advice to the child to "invite an adult to help."

Passing the story of a holiday from one generation to another is important to all of us. *Grandma's Latkes* is one of a series of books by Malka Drucker, the Jewish Holiday Series.

The book is printed on sturdy, high quality paper, and will endure much handling. It is illustrated imaginatively by Eve Chwast, whose work as illustrator has appeared in the Society of Illustrators annual exhibit and in numerous publications. She is known for her woodcuts and papier-mache sculpture. Her illustrations in *Grandma's Latkes* appear to be prints of woodcuts. I was particularly impressed by the cat who is overseeing the procedure.

Elijah's Angel: A Story for Chanukah and Christmas

by Michael J. Rosen

Harcourt Brace Jovanovich 32 pp.

\$13.95

Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

Imagine a neighborhood barber shop, manned by an old black barber who makes wood carvings and displays them on his walls. They are mainly depictions of Bible stories and characters in the New Testament or Christian tradition, for Elijah had a religious experience when he was nine years old which made of him a firm believer.

Nine years is the age of the boy

who tells this story, only slightly altered from reality, in a charming and loving manner. He is a Jewish boy who lives with his parents in an observant Jewish home. Elijah, who is in his eighties at the time of the writing of *Elijah's Angel*, is the son of a father who was a slave in Mississippi.

The old man and the boy are friends, and the interchange of ideas from their cultures touches both lives deeply. When Elijah on Christmas eve, which coincides with Chanukah that year, gives a carved angel to Michael, the boy, he is disturbed by the thought of what his parents may say about this "graven image."

The understanding and interpretation of the parents is a splendid acknowledgement of interfaith friendship. The story is beautifully told by Michael Rosen, who is a poet and novelist, the literary director of Thurber's Home. It was his friendship with the real Elijah which prompted him to write this unusual children's book. It is recommended for people of all ages, correctly so.

The accompanying illustrations by Aminah Brenda Lynn Robinson are bright and attractive, and they share pages with the substantial text. There are also full page and double page illustrations.

These are real people in a story that belongs in "Only in America" category.

Torah Study on Tapes

The lifeblood of the Jewish people for generations is now available in contemporary form through a new project of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations in cooperation with Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion (HUC-JIR) through the generosity of the Milton W. Feld Endowed Program Fund.

The tapes make available a series of cassettes, each covering two weekly Torah portions. On each tape, a teacher prominent in the Reform Jewish movement shares personal insights in the Torah readings with a presentation of about one half-hour,

followed by a question and answer period.

Produced by Rabbi Gary Bretton-Granatoor, director for the UAHC Department of Interreligious Affairs; Rabbi Kerry M. Olitzky, director of the New York School of Education of Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, and Rabbi Daniel Syme, senior vice-president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, the project is part of the cooperative effort between the College and the UAHC to respond to Jewish education needs in a contemporary society.

Rabbi Bretton-Granatoor called the project "an unprecedented revision" in that the study of Torah is no longer confined to the four walls of a classroom or library but to anywhere "there are willing ears and an inquiring soul," and can be used while jogging in a park, riding in a car, or any moments of simple diversion.

Production has been completed on the first two books of the Torah—*Genesis* and *Exodus*, and work is now underway on the remaining books. The tapes can be ordered from the UAHC Press, 838 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10021 at \$15.00 each, plus \$1.50 for postage and handling, plus \$.50 additional postage and handling for each additional Torah Tape.

School Ties

A Paramount Film

Produced by Sherry Lansing and Stanley R. Jaffe

A Review by Abraham H. Foxman

Set in an exclusive East Coast prep school in the 1950s, "School Ties" is a moving and powerful film about anti-Semitism. It will cause Jews of a certain age to sit up and say "Yes, this is the way it was." If they are honest with themselves, they will acknowledge that sometimes "this is the way it still is" for many Jews, especially when they are with people who don't know that a Jew is among the crowd. It is a film that parents should want their children to see so that understanding about the past can build strength for

the future. It will also teach Jewish young people that they need that strength because they can never run from who they are, nor should they want to.

This is a real film for all those who lived in the United States of the 40s, 50s and 60s. The film's relevance is just as strong today and for today's young people as "Gentleman's Agreement" was for an earlier generation. Anti-Semitism is still here. It lives in the polite whispers at oh so nice, but exclusive clubs; it lives in rap music; it lives on campus and it is voiced by political candidates. Anti-Semitism doesn't go away just because Jews look and act like other Americans. "School Ties" reminds us that sometimes the more things change, the more they stay the same.

The producers are to be commended for their perseverance in getting this film made and in tackling this important issue in a responsible way.

Intermarriage

A new American Jewish Committee publication, *Questions Jewish Parents Ask About Intermarriage*, has been offered to our readers free of charge. The pamphlet offers parents thoughtful and compelling answers to questions such as: Why should Jews marry Jews? Isn't it far more important for a young person to find a suitable marriage partner regardless of religious background? Why are so many Jews intermarrying today as compared to a generation ago? Is there a correct way to speak to my children about intermarriage?

Write for a copy to Janice Hyman, American Jewish Committee, 165 E. 56 St., New York, N.Y. 10022. Send a legal size, stamped and self-addressed envelope.

Anti-Semitic Attacks in Germany and France

The major newspapers and television services have not been reporting the attacks on Jewish property that have taken place in the past month.

Incidents include the bombing of the Holocaust memorial in Berlin, Germany; the desecration of the Jewish cemetery in Herrilsheim, a town in Alsace, and the setting afire of a synagogue in St. Avold, both in France.

The media has shown rioting by neo-Nazi groups in Germany against all immigrants, not only Jews. Chancellor Helmut Kohl responded to the unrest by stating that such violence is "a disgrace for our nation." Kohl had spoken to the American Jewish Committee in the past about his desire to ensure the safety and security of all minorities in Germany.

In a letter to Chancellor Helmut Kohl of Germany and President Francois Mitterand of France, Rabbi Arthur Schneier, chairman of the U.S. Commission for Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad, called for round-the-clock investigations of recent racial and anti-Semitic attacks

that he said "symbolize the newly-awakened movement of hate and destruction in Europe."

Rabbi Schneier urged arresting and bringing the culprits swiftly to justice. "Unless this is done, unless the racists who riot and plant bombs, who set fires and overturn headstones, are promptly caught and speedily punished, we can expect more acts of extremism and hatred reminiscent of the ugly days that preceded the rise of Nazism in Germany—and more venom poisoning Europe and imperiling the hope of millions for a future free from fear.

"The monuments and synagogues that are among the targets of today's stormtroopers are part of the collective memory of the Jewish people. The attacks on these sites, coupled with the violence by radical bigots against refugees, Gypsies and other foreigners in other parts of Germany,

pose the danger of a rising racism that symbolizes how fragile are all the hopes for decency and human rights in 'the new Europe'—and that jeopardizes the hopes of millions for a continent united not only for economic gain but also for human rights."



The Valley of the Destroyed Communities is being dedicated at Yad Vashem in Jerusalem, Oct. 14-15. The Valley commemorates the destruction of over 5,000 flourishing communities in Europe.

JESSE AND THE JEWS

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efforts to repair the breach. He confronted Mikhail Gorbachev in Geneva on the issue of Soviet Jewry. To protest the obscenity of President Reagan's visit to Bitburg, he made his own visit to Germany, to what had been a Nazi concentration camp. He has consistently called for improved relations with the Jewish community.

In Brussels [in July 1992], at an international conference on anti-Semitism, he delivered a speech clearly aimed at reconciliation with the Jewish community; he praised Zionism as a "liberation movement" and called for Jews and blacks to renew their joint fight against racism. He suggested that blacks and Jews "share church and synagogue experiences, share our holy days, so that we might have a greater appreciation of each other."

Two weeks later, at the Democratic Convention, he again reached out, speaking movingly about the Holocaust and praising Israel Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's "wisdom in affirming negotiation over confrontation."

Our Common Enemies Rejoice

These and other efforts were often met with suspicion and silence. But justice and self-interest demand otherwise. Let us not nurse our wounds and translate every difference into a grievance, every controversy into combat, every disagreement into a bloodletting. Only our common enemies rejoice when blacks and Jews square off against each other. Jews can't afford it. Blacks can't afford it. America and the world can't afford it.

We live at a time when racial and religious and ethnic tensions are growing, when "ethnic cleansing" is ravaging the former Yugoslavia and xenophobia fuels violence

against foreigners in Austria and Germany, when Gypsies are threatened in Eastern Europe and a former imperial grand wizard of the Ku Klux Klan wins a majority of white votes in Louisiana.

In such an hour, we must look beyond the hurts and grievances of the past. Blacks and Jews need each other not only because of our common enemies but because of our common dreams. Together, we share a vision of a just and open and generous society. Together we identify with the weak and the stranger. Together, we hold that it is the foremost task of government to achieve social, economic and political justice.

Jesse Jackson is an eloquent spokesman for that shared vision. He is the most widely acknowledged leader of America's black community, a staunch defender of his people's rights and dignity, a powerful voice for the poor and the powerless, the jobless and the hungry, of every color and creed in our nation. He has earned the respect of millions of Americans as a leader of political, intellectual and moral power on the great and vexing issues of our time. And he has grown and changed, and reached out.

At a time when the toxic waters of racism are rising from the Urals in Europe to the bayous of Louisiana, Jews should welcome the hand Jesse Jackson has extended to us. Let us do so for our own sake, for America's sake, for Israel's sake, for the sake of justice, brotherhood and peace—for all the moral principles and ethical values Jews have stood and died for during our history as a people.

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler is president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, central body of Reform Judaism in the United States and Canada.

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Arab Revisionist History

From *On Camera*, by Andrea Levin

In 1986, historian Bernard Lewis wrote, "The rewriting of the past is usually undertaken to achieve specific political aims. By depicting the great Arab Islamic expansion in the seventh century as a war of liberation rather than of conquest, the Arabs can free themselves of the charge, even in the distant past, of imperialism—the most heinous crime in the current political calendar. By establishing a direct link with the ancient inhabitants of their countries, they can strengthen national pride, and moreover foster that sense of identity with the homeland through the ages which is the basis of Western-style patriotism. . . In bypassing the biblical Israelites and claiming kinship with the Canaanites, the pre-Israelite inhabitants of Palestine, it is possible to assert a historical claim antedating the biblical promise and possession put forward by the Jews."

Most Americans would be startled to know how dramatically this revisionist Arab line has penetrated the mainstream publishing and media industry. Writers, editors and publishers are generating articles, books, study guides, encyclopedias and dictionaries containing an account of the past that conforms to Arab political ends, chief among them the supplanting of Israel by the Palestinian Arabs.

The venerable *National Geographic*, for example, ran a June 1992 article by Tad Szulc asserting that today's Palestinian Arabs are descendants of the ancient Canaanites and the Jews simply one of the waves of invaders of the region to afflict them. Letter writers protesting the bogus history were referred to the writings of Philip Mattar in the *Encyclopedia of the Modern Middle East*.

Webster's New World Encyclopedia published by Prentice Hall has an entry under Palestine, which says Palestine "was in ancient times dominated in turn by Egypt, Assyria, Babylonia, Persia, Macedonia, the Ptolemies, the Seleucids, and the Roman and Byzantine empires. Today it forms part of Israel. The Palestine people. . . are descendants of the people of Canaan." The ancient and often dominant presence of Jews through three thousand years is omitted and the fiction of Canaanite heritage for the Palestinians asserted.

Who, in fact, were the Canaanites? According to standard scholarship, the term Canaanite encom-

passed a number of Semitic peoples. . . They inhabited the area of Canaan that includes modern Israel, Jordan and Lebanon. Biblical Hebrew is closely akin to the language of the Canaanites, reflecting the influx of the Hebrews beginning around 1200 B.C.E. No scholarly evidence whatever exists to indicate the Canaanites were Arabs. The mass of today's Palestinian Arabs are descendants of immigrants who arrived in the region in the 19th and 20th century.

At the entry for 1948 readers find "a Jewish state was proclaimed. A series of Arab-Israeli Wars resulted in the total loss of the Palestinian state and the displacement of large numbers of Palestinian Arabs." In fact, of course, there never has been a "Palestinian state." It is testimony to the inroads achieved by the Arab campaign to rewrite history that a reputable company such as Prentice Hall now propagates such unabashed inventions.

The 1992 edition of *Encyclopedia Britannica* contains nearly twenty astonishingly contradictory and garbled pages under the entry "Palestine." From a map captioned "Palestine as defined in modern times" that displays the boundaries of Israel, to the omission of the Holocaust, to an enumeration of PLO subgroups that fails to mention their bloody terrorist records, this account presents an exclusively Arab perspective.

As schools, libraries and American homes fill with reference books, magazines and newspapers poisoned by the aggressive Arab effort to undo the ancient Jewish link to the land of Israel, generations may soon believe that Arab/Canaanites were shoved out of their land in dim antiquity to be liberated by their Moslem brethren in the 7th century. Not that an expansionist Islam conquered Palestine in a drive that eventually reached all the way to Spain, subsuming in its path Jewish and Christian inhabitants. And Arab propagandists will have successfully obliterated the historical truth that Jews, though conquered and dispersed, returned persistently through the ages to Jerusalem and the land of Israel, and achieved independence again, after more than two thousand years, in territory to which they have profound and lawful claim.

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A meaningful message for Thanksgiving, taken from *The Eternal Light* (Harper & Row, N.Y., 1966):

Such are the thoughts that should be ours on Thanksgiving Day:
 to let God come nearer to us, to help us guide our civilization not only to prosperity and plenty, but also to peace and harmony and tranquility;
 to be humbly aware that we are a fortunate people in a fortunate land where we do not lack bread nor opportunity to improve our lot in honor and dignity;
 to acknowledge how much we owe to our fellowmen who brave unknown perils that we might be spared ignorance and superstition and fear, and who labor to supply us with the elements of our food and shelter and security;
 to be kind in our estimate of those with whom we live on this earth;
 to share our food and our knowledge with those who are hungry and ignorant in all parts of the world; and finally, to soften the hard core of material civilization with the sacred spirit that outlives time and place and circumstance.

CHARLES E. SHULMAN

To the Editor

I must compliment you on the recent issues of the *Times Outlook*. In particular, the review of, *The Death of an American Jewish Community* [March 1992] was like coming across the obituary of an old, close and well-loved friend. For when I lived off Talbot Ave. on Nightingale St., Chai Odom was my *shul*, Beth El my Hebrew school, and all of Boston's Ward 14 the best part of my world.

The tragedy of Ward 14's destruction came to mind as I read UAHC President Rabbi Schindler's plea for Jews to make a common cause with the Reverend Jackson [Oct. 1992]. As the Rabbi piled up the platitudes pleading for us to ignore our own reasonable interests yet again in the name of "brotherhood," I recalled that not only was the Ward 14 Jewish community destroyed but the Blacks who followed were deceived and their hopes, too, were smashed. All this was done by remote community leaders like Rabbi Schindler just trying to do good, and some scoundrels stealing a buck. It is dangerous for self-appointed leaders remote from the scene to believe they know what is the good and just for everyone. This is true be they Jew, Black, Italian or

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any one of America's countless "minorities." As to the Reverend Jackson, a more interesting and in my view important Black voice is that of Professor Henry Louis Gates (formerly at Duke) quoted in Mr. Foxman's article. Professor Gates' writings are of an unflinching honesty and have none of the self promotion that seems to tinge all of Jackson's pronouncements.

You do well to publish in full the columns by such as Schindler and Foxman. Since we Jews have no elected national leaders, it is good to read in detail what those who boast leadership say in our name.

Morton Lurie
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All About Revelation

by Henry Zvi Ucko

As much as I respected my father, I was never quite sure that the "true stories" he used to tell—and he had a rich repertoire of them—were one hundred percent true. But since he called the characters in the following story by name, and I knew some of them personally, I am inclined to think that it is indeed based on fact. And I shall try to relate it as much as possible in his own words. That should not be too difficult because I have heard it many times. I only regret that you cannot hear him tell the story himself because he was quite an actor and knew how to dramatize. So much for the introduction, and now listen.

David Abramovitz and Moishe Cohn—in the telephone directory he was listed as Maurice Cohen, but everybody called him Moishe Cohn—did not get along too well. David, a house painter by profession, was known as a practical joker, and everybody enjoyed his antics, so long as they were directed against somebody else. Moishe, who had no particular occupation except some connection with the synagogue and the burial society, walked around with a sullen face, always absorbed in fulfilling this or that ritual requirement, and resentful of those who did not feel the same need. David called Moishe a religious fanatic, and Moishe called David an unbelieving fool. Both were not entirely wrong, and so they made disparaging remarks about each other, regardless if the adversary were present or not.

David was not as irreligious as Moishe made him out to be, but some of Moishe's idiosyncrasies went on his nerves. For instance, Moishe was in the habit of remaining in the synagogue when the service was over. That seemed to provoke David.

"Why does he not leave when everybody else does? What is he doing there all by himself?" he used to ask his fellow worshippers.

"What do YOU care?" they would counter good-naturedly. "Maybe he wants to pray some more. You know

how he is!"

That answer did not satisfy David, and so one evening he went back to the synagogue after services. Quietly he climbed the stairs to the women's balcony. Careful not to make any noise, he descended to the railing in front, went on his knees and looked down. Sure enough, there was Moishe in the dimly lit sanctuary, standing at his seat, swaying forth and back while reciting prayers in a half-loud singsong. David watched for a few minutes. He was about to turn around and steal away, when an idea—a typical David Abramovitz idea—struck him. Crouching behind the banister, he called in a soft high tremulous voice,

"Reb Moi-she, Reb Moi-oi-she."

Moishe stopped in his prayers, looked up, shook his head and continued his singsong. David tried again.

"Reb Moi-she, Reb Moi-oi-she."

It really sounded eerie in the empty synagogue. Moishe was now visibly upset. He left his seat, walked up to the cantor's stand, grabbed it with both hands, bent over it and remained in a listening position.

Extremely satisfied with his success, David made another effort and managed to make it sound even more mysterious.

"Reb Moi-oi-she, Reb Moi-oi-oi-she."

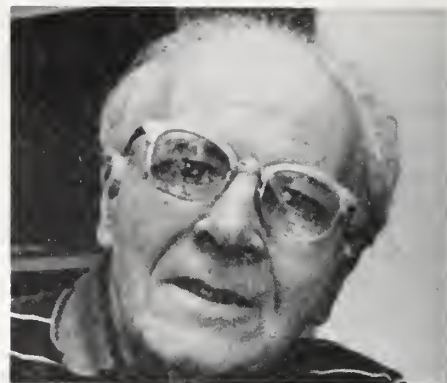
And he raised his head a little over the railing to see more clearly. Moishe straightened up and stood for a moment, motionless. Suddenly he raised his head toward the Eternal Light before the Ark, spread out his arms and in an agitated voice stirred by emotion called out,

"Here I am. Speak to me! Thy servant is listening."

This was more than David had expected. He beat a quick retreat and hastened home.

When he told his wife what had happened, her reaction was different from what it used to be. Generally she responded with a hearty laugh to her husband's pranks. But when she heard that Moishe Cohn had really believed that God was calling him, she got quite serious.

"That was no joke, David. You went



Rabbi Henry Zvi Ucko

too far. And don't you tell anybody about this!"

David, who had not been feeling so good about the whole affair, was willing to take her advice. He kept the incident to himself. But after a while, he could not stand it any longer. It was too good a story to be kept under his hat. So the next Wednesday, when the poker club met, he told confidentially what had happened, and made quite a performance of it. The guys laughed themselves sick.

Of course, now it did not take long for the story to get around. It also reached the rabbi. Young Rabbi Solomon was not too fond of Mr. Cohn. As a matter of fact, Moishe had given him a hard time whenever the rabbi had tried to introduce some innovative changes in the service. Although he would never call the rabbi by his first name as some of the younger group did—a practice condemned as disrespectful by Moishe—he did not hesitate to argue heatedly against any deviation from the traditional norm. Nevertheless, Rabbi Solomon apparently felt that he had to do something to prevent Moishe from becoming the laughing stock of the community and to cushion his inevitable fall from heavenly illusion to down-to-earth reality.

Consequently on the next Sabbath, he took as his sermon topic the phenomenon of revelation. He pointed out that only extraordinary personalities like Moses or the prophets had been privileged to hear the voice of God, that this type of revelation was practically non-existent in our time and age. The congregants—at least those who did not habitually fall

asleep during the rabbi's sermon—elbowed their neighbors, turned around, looked at each other and nodded toward Moishe Cohn's seat. He was listening attentively, ready to catch any heresy which might come from the pulpit.

After the service, when shaking hands with rabbi, Moishe said,

"So, in your opinion, God does not speak to anybody anymore in person?"

"At least not in the literal sense of the word," the rabbi responded mildly. They got into a lengthy argument. Finally Moishe said abruptly, "I disagree," and walked off.

The matter might have ended there, had it not been for David Abramovitz's yearning for applause. He loved to have an audience, and at the slightest provocation was willing to tell his revelation story. Although by now almost everyone was familiar with it, except Moishe himself, they liked to hear it again, especially for the benefit and amusement of a newcomer to the congregation.

So one day, while they were waiting in the synagogue for the tenth man to arrive to make up the *minyan*, they urged David to reenact his prank. He was only too happy to comply, but just when he had reached the high point of the show, when to the delight of his listeners, he made the call, "Moi-oi-oi-she" ring in a greatly perfected high tremolo, an angry voice was heard.

"You bandit! You idiot! You good-for-nothing fool!"

They all turned toward the entrance. There stood Moishe, trembling in a furious rage.

In embarrassed silence, the group stood motionless, looking from Moishe to David and from David to Moishe, waiting for further developments. They were quick to come. Moishe grabbed a heavy tome from a bookshelf, raised it with both hands high over his head, and advanced threateningly toward David, while shouts of "No, Moishe, no!" were heard. He did not get a chance to deliver the intended blow. David knocked the book out of Moishe's hands. It fell to the ground, and so did

the two combatants in the ensuing wrestling and punching match. A most deplorable sight! Two grown men, not so young anymore either, rolling around on the floor of the synagogue. Of course, some able-bodied men intervened and separated the fighting parties, but what a scandal! What a scandal!

"Stop it! You should be ashamed of yourselves."

There was universal condemnation of both. And the two, with hanging heads, pressing handkerchiefs

against some bleeding cuts, but still muttering threats and curses, left the sanctuary in disgrace.

A moment of uncomfortable consternation.

But then the *shammas* was sent after them in a hurry. After all, without them there was no *minyan*. So they were brought back, put in different seats as far apart as possible, and the service began.

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Roaming the Past with David Schulman



It's *b'shert!* Many of us have heard this throughout our lives. We may have treated this as either meaningful or myth. Things are meant to happen?

In the book *Synchronicity... Science, Myth, and the Trickster* by Allan Combs and Mark Holland we are told that the famous analyst "Carl Jung coined the term 'synchronicity' to describe coincidences that conventional notions of time and causality cannot explain." Serendipity is described in the American Heritage Dictionary as "the faculty of making valuable discoveries by accident." We all commonly use the terms, "Freudian slip, intuition and déjà vu."

In 1928, Frank Edwinn and his parents moved to Miami Beach from Flushing, N.Y., for health reasons (okay super sleuths, start your engines!) In Florida his parents owned the Miami Beach Furniture Exchange where Frank worked as a kid helping deliver to such people as Lou Walters when Walters brought home baby Barbara. He had always intended to become a physician, but a funny thing happened to him on the way to Harvard Medical School. One day his mother sent him to the bakery around the corner. It was next to Schrager's Drug Store. Mr. Schrager, the pharmacist, had a noteworthy brother that was a composer. The pharmacist thus had a yen for playing classical music sometimes so loud it floated onto the street. That particular day Edwinn heard Tchaikovsky's Fourth Symphony as he passed by. In an instant, Edwinn's life path altered. "It was what Maslow called a peak experience," Edwinn recalls. It would be music not medicine that would lead Edwinn onward. Though he continued to study thinking he would still be a medical doctor, Edwinn's musical training became more and more important. He trained at the Miami Conservatory of Music and sang at

various functions from the opening of Burdine Stadium (the Orange Bowl) to Miami Beach resort hotels. He was transported from hotel to hotel by helicopter on weekends. His \$50 a performance was "big" money back then. From the lead in the Miami Opera Company's adaptation of Mozart's "Magic Flute" to Burt Rand's Traveling Minstrel Show, Edwinn developed his broad range of talents.

After graduating from high school, Edwinn visited his cousins in New York City where he "happened" to pick up a *New York Times*. In that paper was an ad for auditions for openings at the Julliard School of Music. Edwinn claims he mainly went to "check out the girls" but was allowed to participate because for some reason that year there had been no regional semi-finals in Florida (lucky coincidence?). Edwinn not only competed but was the sole winner of the treasured Julliard Scholarship that year.

Edwinn's story continues to unfold in Italy where for no apparent reason the Army chose him to be a leader in the "leave courses" after the war which were set up to keep soldiers out of bars and into museums while on leave. It was here that one Senor Montini drove Edwinn to and from the Vatican. Montini later became Pope Paul VI.

In Italy, Edwinn received his doctor of lettres; and, partially due to his access to the Vatican archives, Dr. Edwinn today is one of the country's leading authorities on the Dead Sea Scrolls. While in Italy he sang solo in the Rome Philharmonic and also was a lead in the La Scala Opera. Later, due to his music interests, he was introduced by Beverly Sills to his future wife, Joanne Lipinsky of Asheville, N.C. This has led to his many contributions to the academic and cultural life of Asheville over the last

forty years which still continues today as strong as ever.

In 1967, a couple in Hampton, Conn. bought an old house. They discovered personal records and forgotten journals of the original inhabitants of the house. Early next year, James and Janet Robertson's book, *All Our Yesterdays*, recreating small-town life from the late eighteenth century to the 1920s will hit the bookstores and surely will be an interesting read. Did they just happen to buy that house at that time and find those journals? Will their lives and perhaps yours after reading the book be changed somehow by this "random" set of events?

In January 1979, I remember going over to my father's house for breakfast one morning. I was reeling from a divorce, and Dad loved to "feed me" as one of his ways of showing he wanted to help me through it all. He was reading the stock market pages and drinking coffee. I was reading the other sections when I remember seeing in the obituaries a write-up on a young man who had died suddenly of a brain aneurysm, leaving a young



Frank Edwinn and Nancy Kulp of the Bob Cummings T.V. show in an early Miami Beach play.

widow. I had heard of the widow's family, but never of her.

I clearly remember asking Dad about it. He had not heard anything of it. He went back to the stock pages; I, to the letters to the editor. Yet, as my mother used to say, I got a strong *klopf in hartz* from the obituary for some unknown reason. My heart knew something that my mind could not yet comprehend.

In 1982, Denissa and I were married. She had been the widow mentioned in that obituary. We met "randomly" about two years after that morning at Dad's. I read obituaries daily, but I can assure you that I certainly don't recall what I was doing or where I was when I have read them.

A few weeks ago, I was showing Denissa where the Horowitz Kosher Boarding Home in Hendersonville, N.C., used to be where folks gathered for the Jewish Holidays in the 1950s. I pointed out to her the "Holy Roller" church that was across the street which I had previously written about in this column. We looked to the back of the church and there in the street behind it was the apartment that Denissa had lived in for many years while she taught in Hendersonville. Time to call back Rod Sterling? Not quite. Pure happenstance. Perhaps.

I think some of us choose not to believe in things being *b'shert* because we like to believe we control our destiny. A plan would indicate the opposite. We may like to think we can, by our own doings, become an astronaut or a great writer. We cringe at the thought of our lives being somewhat like the fake rabbit at the racetrack that all the dogs chase after; that we may be led, perhaps even tricked, into following where life, vis-à-vis the rabbit, goes.

I am comfortable with the opposite. Though we hopefully can still shape our destiny, the existence of a higher plan gives a real meaning to our existence. It is only when we chase after something that seems to be NOT "meant to be" that we encounter our toughest tumbles.

"The plan" may not be even close to what we think we want. It may appear tragic for many years, or al-

ways. I visited the grave of Denissa's late husband, Stephen, the other day. My life was made so rich by a stupid brain malfunction twelve years ago that took the life of a fine young man. I couldn't help but remember the cruel Yiddish phrase about life, "One man's pain brings another man's gain." Though I cannot understand it and never will, I must trust that God's "big picture" makes sense. I must accept life's happenings as they are—never ever forgetting that today we, too, are part of the same amazing puzzle of life.

If Frank Edwinn's mother had not wanted fresh *challah* that night? If

Schrager's brother had not been a composer? If the Robertsons had bought the house next door to the one they bought? What has "randomly" made your life what it is today?

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The Plight of Teens in Violent Families

by Joan Kort

President of B'nai B'rith Women (BBW)

At age 12, she was an olive-skinned beauty with a quick mind and an easygoing manner. By age 13, she had attempted suicide twice, claiming sexual abuse by her stepfather. Her mother did not believe her. At age 14, she was pregnant with her stepfather's child, a baby who died two months after it was born because of a congenital heart problem. At age 17, after three more suicide attempts, she married a policeman to escape her home life. By age 22, she was divorced.

Ellen K. passed her entire adolescence under the cloud of parental abuse and neglect. Ellen K. is Jewish.

The case of Ellen K. is an example of what the experts call "later-onset" abuse—child abuse that begins not in early childhood, but in the early teenage years. Unfortunately, adolescent maltreatment has seldom been the focus of discussions about family violence.

Most efforts on behalf of ending family violence have tended to focus on the plight of battered spouses or on the abuse of very young children. The plight of teenagers in violent homes has, quite simply, fallen through the cracks. It is time for this to change.

Community Outreach to Teens

The community has an opportunity and an obligation to reach out to teens in these unhappy situations. Why the urgency? Why now? There are several reasons. First of all, the maltreatment of teenagers is not being adequately addressed. Further, the effects of teen abuse may be long-lasting and ultimately destructive to future generations. Finally, teens are still young enough to be treated. It is time for an immediate community response.

The few statistics that exist on adolescent maltreatment are staggering enough to initiate any public effort on behalf of maltreated teens. According to Robert Bloom, executive director of the Jewish Children's Bureau of

Chicago, who quotes a University of Washington study, "two-thirds of all unmarried adolescents bearing children have been sexually abused."

Teens, it would appear, are also at greater risk for certain kinds of maltreatment. Cornell University researchers report that 29 out of every 1,000 adolescents ages 12 to 17 are abused compared with 19 per 1,000 children younger than 12.

Even more alarming are the statistics about the effect of maltreatment later on in a teenager's life. According to a recent study by the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, women run twice the risk of rape or attempted rape during their first year of college if they had been sexually assaulted as adolescents. Although the study emphatically asserts that this statistic should not be interpreted in such a way to suggest that rape victims are responsible for what has happened to them, it does suggest that adolescent maltreatment may create certain grave, as-yet-undefined vulnerabilities.

Jewish Teenagers

Ellen K. is not just a teenager. She is a Jewish teenager. This fact may still be surprising to some who have yet to reckon with the notion that the Jewish community is not immune from family violence.

Despite increased awareness of the problem, the biggest hurdle to treating family violence in the Jewish community continues to be denial. According to Kay Chavinson, director of Community Relations and Group Services for the Jewish Family Service Association of Cleveland, requests for help come from all parts of the Jewish community including the Ashkenazic, Sephardic, Lubavitch and secular community. Chavinson noted that "most families come to us with a variety of concerns such as depression or marital difficulties. It takes time for most families to talk about domestic abuse. They don't walk in the door with it."

For teens the problem may be compounded by the fact that adolescence is in itself, according to Chavinson, a "time of turmoil, a stormy time of pulling away, a time when the child be-

comes rebellious. This creates additional stress and conflicts within the family."

In 1988, B'nai B'rith Women's publication *Women's World* published a landmark article on family violence. The article was titled, "Breaking the Silence" and it included the stories of four battered Jewish women. *Moment* magazine followed with an article that discussed how survivors of domestic violence coped and what the rabbinic community can do. The message of both of these articles was that ending denial should be the first goal in efforts to raise awareness of the problem within the community.

Family Violence

Similarly, raising awareness about the way family violence affects teens is a beginning. But the community can and should do more to help teens. For Bloom, this means working on prevention and targeting high risk groups, beginning with teens who were abused as children.

Social service agencies can provide families with the support groups they need, and provide teens with more adaptive ways to cope with family violence than alcohol or drug use. It is not a situation without hope.

Repeating its annual appeal to increase awareness about domestic violence, Congress designated October 1992 Domestic Violence Awareness Month. This year, we have the chance to reach out to this generation of teens. Building a constructive community response to the problem of family violence, especially as it affects adolescents who are embarking on the most sensitive transition of their lives, will take the full commitment of rabbis, social workers, parents, teachers and volunteers.

Ellen K. is currently in therapy, dealing with the demons of her early adolescence. Her stepfather is still struggling to understand the consequences of his action. "I don't know what came over me," he has said. "I was frustrated. And my stepdaughter, she was just beginning to bud. . ."

Let's help our teens bud with the care, respect and love they need to develop into responsible, conscientious adults.



Tradition in the Kitchen



Thanksgiving by Paul LaPierre

There is nothing better than a traditional Thanksgiving meal. In this constantly changing world, it's nice to return to familiar smells and flavors. Unfortunately, the turkey is one of the most misunderstood birds—people overcook it, undercook it, microwave it, bag it, and generally have no idea how to cook a turkey properly.

I am going to give you a straightforward recipe that will give you a moist, flavorful turkey.

Roast Turkey

Allow 5-1/2 to 6-1/2 hours for 16 to 20 lb. turkey
Salt
Pepper
2 cups softened parve margarine
Cheese cloth to cover breast
Aluminum foil

Preheat oven to 325°

Rinse turkey well, save neck and giblets. Rub inside and out with salt and pepper. Rub down with soft margarine, rub margarine on cheese cloth, place cheese cloth over breast. Cover turkey with foil and place on rack over a roasting pan. Roast for 5 hours. For the last hour remove foil and cheese cloth, turn oven up to 350° to get a golden brown turkey. The best way to tell doneness is to take internal temperature, placing thermometer into the inside thigh muscle till it registers 170-175°, or follow cooking directions on package. Remove. Let set 20 minutes before carving. Save pan drippings.

Old Fashion Cornbread Dressing

This is another one of those recipes that always brings back good memories. Make an extra panful to go with leftovers. You can stuff bird with this mixture, but make sure internal temperature of dressing is 175° when finished.

4 cups cornbread crumbs
1 cup medium diced celery
1/2 cup medium diced onions
2 Tbsp. sage
1 tsp. salt
1/4 tsp. black pepper
1/2 cup parve margarine
2 cups chicken stock

In a saucepan melt margarine. Add onion and celery, sage, salt and pepper. Saute for 2 to 3 minutes. Add chicken stock, bring to boil, reduce to simmer. Simmer for about 5 minutes, add all to cornbread crumbs, mix well, add more chicken stock. Mixture should be fairly moist. Place in greased baking dish. Dot top with margarine and bake at 350° for 45 minutes to 1 hour, until light brown and fluffy.

Grand Marnier Cranberry Relish

This is an excellent recipe. Make it 3 to 4 days ahead of time for better flavor. Another idea is to make a large batch and it will keep for other upcoming holidays. It also makes a unique gift. After you make this relish, you will never want to buy the canned products.

2 cups water
4 cups (1 lb.) fresh cranberries
3 oranges, peeled, quartered and seeded
1-1/2 tsp. orange zest
1/2 tsp. lemon zest
2 Tbsp. Grand Marnier liqueur

Add all to saucepot, except Grand Marnier. Bring to boil, reduce to high simmer, cook until thick and syrupy. Remove from heat, stir in liqueur. Chill and serve.

Giblet Gravy

This is a must to go with turkey and dressing. It's like three old friends who get together once a year.

4 Tbsp. parve margarine) Roux
4 Tbsp. flour
2 cups turkey stock and drippings
1 tsp. salt
1/4 tsp. black pepper
Cooked, chopped giblets

Simmer neck and giblets in water to cover for 30 to 40 minutes. Add more water, if necessary. Discard neck, let giblets cool, chop coarsely and set aside. Make roux by melting margarine, then blend in flour and cook until tan colored, stirring constantly. Set aside to cool. Add turkey drippings to stock, reduce to 2 cups, whip in roux. Bring to boil, reduce to simmer, add seasoning and giblets. Simmer 6 to 8 minutes and serve.

Paul LaPierre is executive chef at Wildacres.

Estelle Hoffman shares a recipe which one of her Thanksgiving guests prepared for her holiday celebration:

Sweet Potato Casserole

6 medium sweet potatoes
3/4 cup pineapple tidbits
1 cup orange juice
1 tsp. grated orange rind
1/2 cup raisins
1/2 cup broken pecans
2 Tbsp. parve margarine
Brown sugar

Bake or boil sweet potatoes. Skin them while still warm and mash coarsely. Melt margarine and add. Add remaining ingredients except brown sugar. Season with nutmeg or mace. Place in casserole and cover top with layer of brown sugar. Bake at 325° until hot.

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Kibbitzing—Community News

Temples

Temple Beth El Charlotte, N.C.

by Lynne Cojac

Activity is brisk in our new building at Temple Beth El. Growth to our present high of 553 members is reflected at Religious School where Temple youth education enrollment exceeds any previous year. The Inter-faith Social Group, now nearly a year old, is flourishing in its efforts to involve and meet the needs of our membership which includes nearly eighty families with two religions in the home.

The Paid-Up Membership Dinner of Temple Beth El's new Sisterhood was a huge success in September with 120 women in attendance. At the dinner, prepared by Sisterhood members, the true spirit of sisterhood was apparent. The Fashion Show by Reggie Summers of YOU TOO was an exciting program. Sisterhood members and models wore the great designs and looked fabulous. YOU TOO supplied each guest with a bag of goodies as well as door prizes in the form of complete outfits presented to three lucky ladies that night. A lovely evening was had by all and a super new year is anticipated.

A Bagel Breakfast for the Temple's Brotherhood was well attended in September. Plans were formulated for the new year. Sunday morning meetings are being scheduled centering on timely topics. Programs will be coordinated under new Brotherhood President Barry Frucht.

Temple officers will attend the mid-Atlantic UAHC convention in Williamsburg, Va. from Nov. 20-22.

The November calendar is full with B'nai Mitzvah ceremonies: Nov. 7,

Havdalah Bat Mitzvah Service for Lisa McGinley, daughter of Roberta and Michael McGinley; Nov. 14, Bat Mitzvah of Marnie Britton, daughter of Debra Britton; Nov. 21, Bar Mitzvah of Brett Elko, son of Meryle and Bill Elko; Nov. 28, Bar Mitzvah of Bryan Crossan, son of Adrienne Crossan.

Beth Israel Synagogue Asheville, N.C.

by Lillian R. Wellisch

Belated congratulations to Candi Cross who completed her junior year at UNC-A on the Dean's List. Candi has transferred to UNC-Chapel Hill, where she will spend her senior year. She plans to go on for her master's degree in accounting. Congratulations to Morris Shulimson and Sonja Long on their marriage.

Mazel Tov to George and Cynthia Zaslow on the birth of a granddaughter, Molly Sage Zaslow, on June 12; to Francine Greenberg Gerber on the birth of a daughter, Alexis Dominique Gerber; Francine is the daughter of Joe and Shirley Greenberg, former members of Beth Israel; and to Carmina and Mark Shuman on the birth of a son.

A hearty welcome to all of our new members: Larry and Elise Israel and their daughter, Sarah; Mrs. Adele Rose; and Leslie and Sandy Langberg and family. Thank you to Milton and Mildred Lurey for furnishing a table and chair for the computer in the library.

Tishah b'Av was observed on Saturday night, Aug. 8, to Sunday night, Aug. 9. It was a very moving experience: a reading/chanting of the Book of Lamentations by candlelight.

In other Synagogue News, the board selected, from the many entries submitted, the winning title, "The Shofar," for our new newsletter title. The winning name was submitted by Frema Sokoloff.

On Friday night, Sept. 18, Rev.

Tony Sayer, the executive director of the Affordable Housing Coalition spoke on the Housing Coalition, housing needs in the area, and the need to provide such housing. He was a very passionate speaker.

We are thrilled to announce that Yosi Knight will be the Shamash of Beth Israel. Yosi earned his B.A., magna cum laude, at Mars Hill College in religion and philosophy. He continued academic training with graduate study at Wake Forest University and the Jewish Theological Seminary of America. Yosi completed an M.A. in near eastern studies at New York University, after which he spent three years studying and working in Israel. Yosi has been a Deputy Sheriff since July 1990. He is an adjunct instructor of Hebrew, in the Classics Department of UNC-A.

Lillian Wellisch, community/cooperation relations chairperson for Sisterhood, urges everyone to VOTE Nov. 3.

Temple Beth ha-Tephila Asheville, N.C.

by Marjorie Schachter

The Saturday Friendship Circle

At the season's first meeting on Sept. 5, a sizeable group discussed Chapter 7 of *Liberal Judaism* by Eugene B. Borowitz, entitled "Who is a Good Jew?" It was agreed that two of the most important characteristics of a good Jew are a belief in God and the ethical treatment of others. Rabbi Robert Ratner led the discussion.

The Sisterhood

Interest and attendance were high at the brown bag lunch and general meeting on Sept. 14. Mrs. Ellen Hobbs of Hendersonville presented her latest Balinese finds from her collection of "Traditional Masks and Native Clothing from Many Cultures" acquired during her travels throughout the world. Chosen on the spot to model

some of the exotic fashions were Lilian Bieber, Shirley Rapoport and our new Rebbitzin Susan Ratner. Mrs. Hobbs herself modeled a dramatic lion mask.

The event was a preview of an October display at the Broadway Arts Gallery.

Sisterhood president Irene Braun welcomed new members Meridy Goldstein, Elaine Meyers, Natalie Nachman and Rachel Smith, and Anna Friedman on her re-joining. She also thanked Laura Rhuska for chairing the successful July 24th covered dish supper.

Irene announced that Ellen Gilreath is in charge of Uniongrams, and that members can look forward to Sunday morning meetings and programs in addition to the accustomed Monday schedule. She invited all Sisterhood members to attend board meetings.

It was decided that Sisterhood would donate \$50 for Florida hurricane victim relief.

The Brotherhood

Brotherhood president Les Schachter thanked everyone involved for their help in running the Temple Picnic, including the Sisterhood, Master Chef Bob Janowitz and his Sous-Chef Kerry Friedman, Purchasing Agents Ted Rose, Frank Gilreath and Larry Rapaport, and Advisors Dick Braun, Morris Karpen and Leon Rocamora.

He also thanked those who took part in the Brotherhood Sabbath service on July 31.

Dick Braun, treasurer, acknowledged for the Brotherhood, with thanks, the contributions made by Dr. and Mrs. Lester Mark to the Brotherhood's "Institute for Judaism" fund, in appreciation of the caring shown by members of Brotherhood and by the Congregation during Lester's recent hospitalization.

It was agreed at the Brotherhood meeting on Sept. 9 that a donation of \$50 would be made to help Florida hurricane victims.

Rosh Hashanah Services

The Rabbi welcomed the congregation to his first High Holy Day services in Asheville, and again expressed

his happiness at being a part of this Temple and thanked everyone for their warm greetings. On Monday morning he sermonized on the importance of communication among and between Temple members and himself.

The musical service was enriched by the virtuoso performance on the flute by Dick Braun, and on the *shofar* by Joe Karpen.

Everyone enjoyed the lovely white holiday pulpit flowers, the generous gift of Sara Goldstein, made in memory of her husband Bernard, her sister Jeanette Klein, and her brother-in-law Ben Klein.

Congregation Agudeth Israel of Hendersonville and Beth Israel Synagogue of Asheville sent New Year's greetings, which were read by the Rabbi from the *bima*.

The Sisterhood provided a lavish Oneg under the leadership of Hilde Hoffman.

Again this year, the good ladies of St. Luke's Episcopal Church came and cared for our young children in the Religious School building during services.

The Religious School

Jean Hansman, school principal, announced that a full slate of teachers has been assembled for 1992-1993. They are Linda Safferstone, pre-

kindergarten; Betsy Katell, first grade; Ellen Braverman, second/third grades; Josh Ratner, fourth/fifth grades; David Katz, sixth/seventh grades. "We are looking forward to a very exciting year with lots of new books, programs and surprises in store," Mrs. Hansman said.

The Rabbi on Campus

Rabbi Ratner will be teaching a course at the University of North Carolina-Asheville entitled "The Ancient World." Underwritten by the Jewish Chautauqua society, its aim is "to give the non-Jewish student body an opportunity to be exposed to and study elements of Jewish history, belief and practice."

The course is part of the humanities program, and is scheduled to be held three times a week during the spring semester.

Outreach

A covered-dish social evening, planned to give the group the opportunity to meet Rabbi Ratner and his wife Susan, was enjoyed on Saturday, Sept. 12. Frank and Ellen Gilreath were hosts.

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Personals



Kate E. Pliner

Kate E. Pliner Celebrates 100th Birthday

Kate E. Pliner will celebrate her 100th birthday on Dec. 5, 1992 at the Blumenthal Jewish Home where she is a resident.

Mrs. Pliner will be honored at a luncheon given by her children, Norman S. Pliner of Raleigh, N.C., and Leanora Pliner Wolkow of Boca Raton, Fla. The honoree's grandchildren and great grandchildren are traveling from Canada, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, New Jersey, New York and Washington, D.C. to join in the celebration of this joyous occasion.

Danielle Bauman Attends Young Judaea Program in Israel

Danielle Bauman, 16, of Hickory, N.C., was among 40 American high schoolers who participated in a six-week Young Judaea Summer Program in Israel in 1992. Danielle is the daughter of Michael and Barbara Bauman.

All the teenagers spent the first and last full weeks of the summer at Beit Riklis Hadassah House on Mount



Danielle Bauman

Scopus. During the other weeks they travelled throughout the country, returning to Beit Riklis for Shabbat. For one week there were three options for an intensive study program: *Kibbutz Ketura* for a communal living experience; *Gadna* where Israeli high schoolers get their first taste of army life; and *Nitzana*, an ancient Nabatean city, where students participate in an archaeological dig.

Danielle decided to plunge into the challenge of *Gadna* because an American friend of hers made *aliyah* and is now in the army. She wanted to experience the same physical and mental challenges.

"The best part is preparing for ambushes," she admits with a grin. And about her platoon leader, Efrat, "Pretty nice underneath, you just have to get to know her." Men and women were separated for training, and they usually sat separately in the dining room.

Danielle thought the Young Judaea program was great. "This was the best summer I ever had; I learned a lot about Jewish history and the history of Israel." She highly recommended this program as an experience for others.

Young Judaea, the oldest peer-led Zionist youth movement, with 6,000 members encompassing all streams of Judaism, is at the forefront of educational/leadership training programs and operates several summer camps in the United States and programs in Israel. Hadassah, the largest women's U.S. Zionist organization, is Young Judaea's adult sponsor.

Organizations

Scholars Scheduled for Free Lecture Series Greensboro, N.C.

Three dynamic visiting scholars will follow the appearance of Danny Siegal in Greensboro for the fall community Scholar in Residence weekend. Rabbi Donniel Hartman, Rabbi David Wolpe and Rabbi David Ruderman will visit Greensboro in December, January and April, respectively.

Hartman and Wolpe will speak for the Community Lecture series on Sunday evenings, Dec. 13 and Jan. 17. They also will meet with the Joint High School, Young Leadership and Women's Cabinet.

Ruderman will lecture during the spring Scholar in Residence weekend being planned, which will be held primarily at Temple Emanuel, April 30 through May 2.

All lectures are free and open to the entire community. Adults, college and high school students are urged to attend.

For additional information, please call the Federation at (919) 272-3189.

Raleigh Chapter of Hadassah by Linda Landau

The 17th year of Raleigh Chapter of Hadassah's Gift Wrap for Charity at Crabtree Valley Mall will begin on Monday, Nov. 30 and run through Christmas Eve. The booth will be located on the lower level of the mall, in front of Dunkin' Donuts and will operate the same hours as the mall. Chanukah wrap will be available as well as Christmas and all purpose wrap. Proceeds from Gift Wrap support medical research and treatment in Hadassah Medical Organization facilities.

The Raleigh Chapter of Hadassah's Paid-Up Membership Dinner, prepared by this year's board, was held on Sept. 22 at the Stonebridge Clubhouse.

Dinner was followed by in-depth reports about some of the many portfolios held by our members. These portfolios often read like alphabet soup: H.M.O. (Hadassah Medical Organization), H.I.E.S. (Hadassah Israel Education Service), J.N.F. (Jewish National Fund), just to name a few.

Members were excited and enthused to learn about the continuing challenges facing Hadassah: Israel's current and future needs for medical care and research, counseling, training and retraining for jobs in today's high tech market, and reclaiming the land.

Jewish Book Fair Charlotte, N.C.

Hold the date of Sunday, Dec. 6, 1992.

In celebration of Jewish Book Month, the Jewish Community Center and the Speizman Jewish Library will once again be hosting a Book Fair. The fair will be open from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. at Shalom Park, 5007 Providence Rd., Charlotte, N.C.

The highlight of the book fair will be author Stephen Birmingham who will speak that evening (please see article on this page). For the convenience of those attending his lecture, the Book Fair will reopen from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m., prior to Mr. Birmingham's presentation. We encourage everyone to attend!

Stephen Birmingham Addresses Charlotte Community, Dec. 6

The Sixth Annual Book and Author Evening will take place Sunday, Dec. 6 at 7:30 p.m. at Shalom Park. The event is cosponsored by the Jewish Community Center, the Charlotte Chapter of Hadassah, and the Speizman Jewish Library.

This year's speaker is author and lecturer Stephen Birmingham, the first author to have two books on *The New York Times* best seller list simultaneously. Mr. Birmingham has written twenty-five books and will dis-

cuss several of them. In the Jewish community, he is most noted for a trilogy: *Our Crowd* focuses on the social history of American Jews and was on *The New York Times* best seller list for fifty-two weeks; *The Grandees* examines the American Sephardic community; and *The Rest of Us* depicts the rise of American Jews from Eastern Europe. Mr. Birmingham will also discuss his most recent novel, *The Rothman Scandal*.

Mr. Birmingham's books include both fiction and non-fiction. He has lectured widely throughout the United States, Britain, Israel and South Africa. It is interesting to note that Mr. Birmingham, a non-Jew, has written several books on American Jewry. We invite you to come find out why.

The lecture will begin at 7:30 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 6, in Gorelick Hall at Shalom Park. Tickets will be available

for \$5 at the door; seniors and students, \$3. For those who wish to purchase *The Rothman Scandal* at a discounted rate, please call Helen Friedman at (704) 375-5877 for details. Mr. Birmingham will be available to autograph copies after his presentation.

Hadassah, the Jewish Community Center and the Speizman Jewish Library are seeking patrons to underwrite this event. Grand Patrons are \$250, Sustaining Patrons are \$100, and Benefactors are \$36. There will be a reception immediately following the program for all Patrons and Benefactors.

Chairpersons of the event are Amalia Warshenbrot, librarian for the Speizman Jewish Library; Stacy L. Miller, Hadassah representative, and Debby Rosenberger, Director of Adult Services for the JCC.



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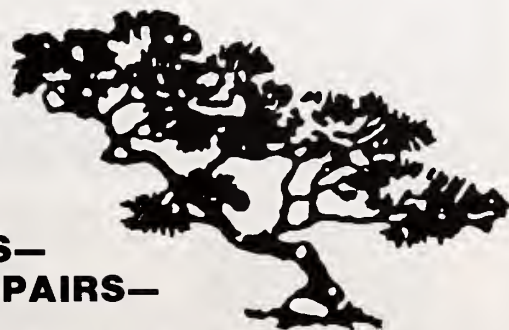
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by Lorrie Klemons

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The FEMALE A-GENDER is designed especially for you—a weekend retreat to get away-from-it-all! To expand your horizons, to learn and share with other Jewish women, to make new friends and simply to have a ball!

The program includes meals, social events, and guest speakers dealing with issues ranging from Jewish Feminism to "He Says—She Says."

The deadline for registering is Dec. 8. Please send your check for \$60 payable to WAORT (Crown City Chapter, Women's American ORT) to Lorrie Klemons at 7520 Kinvara Ct., Charlotte, N.C. 28270. Your check is your reservation. No refunds made after Dec. 5. If desired, please include the name of two friends with whom you'd like to room.

For more information, please call Lorrie Klemons, (704) 846-6790, or Ana Resnik, (704) 846-4431.

Crown City Chapter ORT Charlotte, N.C.

Ana Resnik, president, and Ellen Wismuller, financial secretary, were the delegates from Crown City Chapter ORT to the 19th National Board Conference of Women's American ORT, in Denver, Colo., Oct. 25-27.

The delegates heard a stirring speech given by Ezra Netzer, the principal of ORT-Tel Giborim, an Israeli school for youths with low self-image and social problems. Mr. Netzer explored solutions for the educational and social deficits of economically disadvantaged young people.

Netzer, a native of Bombay, India, who has also served as a Jewish Agency emissary in Liverpool, England, and Santiago, Chile, has been principal of the school since its inception in 1984. The school, where 200 disadvantaged youngsters study, is known for its small class size and close personal interaction between students and teachers.

Women's American ORT, an organization of 1,000 membership chapters across the United States, has been in the vanguard of social and humanitarian action for 65 years, building schools and training students in Jewish communities around the world.

HaLailah B'nai B'rith Women Charlotte, N.C.

by Eileen Darholt

A delicious Rosh Hashanah luncheon was served to the Chai group at the Jewish Community Center on Sept. 21. As usual, Emily Widis outdid herself and everyone had a wonderful time. The next luncheon, a Thanksgiving meal, is planned for Monday, Nov. 23. Anyone wishing to help should call Emily at (704) 523-6632.

October was a busy month. HaLailah and Charlotte Chapter BBW co-sponsored a very moving service and panel discussion aimed at increasing community awareness of the growing problem of domestic violence. HaLailah also participated in a "Candlelight Vigil" sponsored by The Women's Organizations Roundtable.

In keeping with our projects on literacy, several members attended a fundraising program at Spirit Square Center for the Arts sponsored by the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Public Library. Charles Kuralt and Dr. Ferrol Sams were the speakers. Coffee, cake, and conversation followed the program.

Oct. 28 marked the second membership event. The theme was a "Chocolate Affair." Jill Kofman and her committee did an outstanding job. Several new members signed up. Anyone interested in joining HaLailah BBW should call Jill at (704) 545-5802.

Nov. 3 is our next business meeting. These meetings are open to the entire chapter and members are encouraged to attend. For more information, call Eileen Darholt at (704) 364-3897.

On Wednesday, Nov. 18, HaLailah BBW, the Consolidated High School of Jewish Studies, and the Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte are sponsoring a program about religious cults. Mark Powers, director of "Jews for Judaism" in Baltimore, Md., will be the guest speaker. Parents and students should plan to come and hear this dynamic speaker. This will be an *important* and *informative* program. It is free and open to the public.

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grams, HaLailah members continue to read to the preschool children at the Dalton Village Developmental Center and will soon set up a lending library at the Boulevard Homes Day Care Center. Also, beginning soon members will be supplying groceries once a month for one year to a new foster family. Anyone interested in participating in the programs and projects can call Eileen Darholt at (704) 364-3897 or Jill Kofman at (704) 545-5802.

The Charlotte Jewish Preschool

by Linda Zucker

Fall is a time for new beginnings as we celebrate the High Holy Days and start a new year. This fall the Charlotte Jewish Preschool got off to a fresh start as well, with Esther Leder at the helm as its new director.

There was a large turnout for the Parent Orientation meeting held on Aug. 27. Everyone was eager to hear what the new director and the rest of the preschool staff had planned for the upcoming year. In Ms. Leder's address to the parents, she outlined school policies and very effectively

expressed the preschool's educational philosophy. Being a developmental preschool, she explained, means teaching children HOW to think and HOW to learn, rather than just specific facts that may become obsolete. She also stressed that young children must be allowed to move at their own pace and quoted a story from Zorba the Greek about an ill-fated butterfly forced from its cocoon before it had time to fully develop. The moral of this story was that, as in butterflies, developmental unfolding in children requires patience.

Another subject covered by Ms. Leder during the address was the preschool's curriculum. By using a whole language approach to education, with Judaica as a core, the rich culture and traditions of Judaism can be incorporated into the preschool program on a daily basis. Helping to implement this policy is Cheri Titlebaum, who serves as the preschool's Judaic Specialist. She works several times a week with the teachers and children, coming up with creative ideas to use in the classroom and also coordinates the weekly Shabbat programs held at the preschool every



Children hand Rabbi Scott White their Tzedakah boxes at Preschool's Shabbat program.

Friday morning. Ms. Leder summed up the Jewish preschool's responsibilities with the statement that "we are not just a preschool for Jewish children, rather we are a Jewish preschool for children."

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enjoyed many special events including a program on injury prevention by a representative from Carolinas Medical Center; Shabbat programs conducted by Rabbi Scott White and a field trip to decorate the Sukkah at Temple Israel. Of course there is much more to come. Performances, guest speakers and field trips are lined up in the coming months. With all these special events, fun activities and the preschool's wonderful staff, every day is bound to be a great day at the Charlotte Jewish Preschool.

The Charlotte Jewish Preschool is a joint venture of Temple Israel and Temple Beth El. For more information call the preschool office at (704) 366-5007.

CAJE News

by Lenora Stein, director

YOU

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- 108 CAJE members (including over 40 Jewish schools/congregations/organizations and over 60 family memberships)-a 25% membership increase over 1990-91.
- More than 700 successful visits to the Resource Center (in person and by phone/mail).
- There are currently more than 3700 educational media items in the Resource Center, including 240 videotapes, 200 audio cassette tapes, and 100 Judaic games. The CAJE Resource Center is the largest Judaic media center between Washington and Atlanta.
- Over 1600 single items circulated (i.e., were borrowed) in 1991-92.
- 145 teachers attended 3 teacher inservice workshop programs in 1991-92.
- 2000 linear feet of educational materials were laminated.
- 120 families participated in the "M & M's: Memories, Mitzvot & Mishpochah" Jewish family education programs.
- 2 new "Kids' CAJE Page" features ran in the *Charlotte Jewish News*. Copies are available for members to reprint.
- 17 projects were entered in the 1992/5752 Creative Project Awards program for teachers and cash prizes were awarded the winners.
- 7 monthly school year member mailings were sent.
- 2 Charlotte Jewish Principal Council meetings were held.
- Completion & premiere of the Charlotte Jewish Historical Society's second video production, "Building Memories: the History of Temple Beth El V'Shalom" in October, 1991.
- 18 Creative Project of the Year Idea Books, and 2 Charlotte Jewish Historical Society videotapes published by CAJE were sold to other central agencies for Jewish education across the country, for inclusion in their teacher resource centers (N.Y., Washington, Baltimore, Houston, Cleveland, Philadelphia, etc.).
- CAJE participated in joint programming with the temples, the Charlotte JCC (Purim carnival), the Charlotte Jewish Preschool, Hadassah, the Day School Task force, the Consolidated High School, the temple-sponsored Brownie/Jr. Girl Scout troops.

- 6 CAJE Conference scholarships were awarded local Charlotte Jewish teachers.
- Additional interviews were completed and added to total 67 oral history interviews on videotapes of longstanding Jewish Charlotteans in the Charlotte Jewish Historical Society collection.
- Participation in the statewide Council for Nonprofits focus groups.
- More than 500 buttons were created using the CAJE buttonmaker.
- Sales from the Jewish Teacher Outlet Store were up 33% in 1991-92 over the previous year.
- Participation as workshop presenter and attendee at the Conference on Alternatives in Jewish Education, August, 1991 at Hofstra University, Hempstead, N.Y.
- Two *Charlotte Observer* editorial page articles by Tom Bradbury, June, 1992, as a result of the work of the Charlotte Jewish Historical Society, a CAJE project—"The Hebrew Cemetery" and the "Museum of the New South Oral History Project."
- Cooperation with the Museum of the New South grass roots oral history program.
- Inauguration of the CAJE "Show on the Road" inservice workshop program, to provide professional development seminars to Jewish teachers and lay leaders across the region, based on successful Charlotte model programs.
- Out-of-town school visits to the resource center were up 50% over prior years.
- Initiation of an historical Jewish photo archive in cooperation with the Robinson-Spangler Carolina Room at the Public Library of Charlotte & Mecklenburg County.
- Looking ahead to 1992-93, CAJE begins its tenth year of service to the Jewish schools, congregations, organizations and families of the greater Carolinas region.



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Books, Arts and Media



Amos Oz at Home in the Negev

by Joseph Cohen

In recent years the gifted Israeli novelist Amos Oz has come to the United States each November for a three-week whirlwind lecture tour. In 1991, he did 20 talks in 21 days, crossing and recrossing the continent. His stamina and composure are as astonishing as his luck has been with the airlines' on time arrival. This November he's back again, enchanting American Jewish audiences with his sparkling, incisive commentaries on contemporary Israeli life, literature and politics.

During his two past visits to New Orleans, he and I became good friends—how many he must have, everywhere!—and on both of those occasions, he insisted in his genuinely warm and engaging manner that my wife Ruth and I visit him and his family at his home in Arad in the Negev Desert. We had to come, he said, and he meant it. The same day he got my letter in November 1991 telling him we would be in Israel in December, he telephoned to set a date for our get-together.

At our earlier meetings he had told us about his life and family and the great joy he has in living in Arad, a still new town—started in 1941, current population 14,000—built on a mountain top, with the Dead Sea in view not far below and behind it the Edom Mountains of Jordan. It was, he said, a place with a lure and a pull like no other place in which he had ever lived. It was not only a matter of the past—Abraham had walked its hills, Masada was hardly a stone's throw away—it was equally a matter of the future, for the people of Arad with their upbeat vitality and their vision have set out to prove Ben Gurion right when he predicted years ago that Israel's destiny would be realized in the Negev Desert.

Ruth and I left the Windmill Hotel in Jerusalem early Sunday morning on December 22, 1991, and headed for the bus station. It was a wonderful day, the temperature was in the sixties, with a bright sun shining. There, we boarded a bus for Be'er Sheva, where we stopped long enough to buy an armful of flowers. Then we caught a "combey" to Arad.

By 10:30 a.m. we were knocking on Amos Oz's door. He greeted us warmly, got the coffee going, and took us into his study. What a joy, I thought, to be with him in his home, and how rare a treat, like family coming together after a long parting. Amos' wife Nili was at work and would join us at lunch. She had established Arad's historical and cultural archives and continues to develop them, gathering memoirs, taping reminiscences by the town's first settlers, and obtaining documents relating to the city and its growth. Additionally, she is heavily engaged in helping settle the large influx into the city of Russian and Ethiopian Olim. Amos beams as he tells us about her.

We fell into a torrent of talk, with ideas, observations and verbal gems swirling around so rapidly it was impossible to pluck all of them out of the air and tuck them into our memory. Here are a couple of representative items:

The Olim: In Arad over one thousand prefabricated homes have been built for the Russian Jews, with more arrivals expected. The city has all but been overwhelmed by the influx, but it is proud of its capacity for absorbing all newcomers. The second most frequently heard language these days is not Russian, it's Hebrew. The most comfortable of the Olim are the old people, all of whom are pensioners of the government. They get enough support to pay for an apartment and their upkeep, which is more than they got in the Soviet Union. The least comfortable are the people in the 40

to 60 age group, most of whom are intellectuals, many of them academics, for there are no jobs for them. Among the Russian Olim who have made Aliyah to Israel there are 3,000 former KGB agents and 15,000 Marxists and Leninists. Someone has suggested that the KGB agents be put to work watching the Marxists/Leninists.

Three hundred Ethiopian families have been processed through the absorption center in Arad. Amos drove us by the center where we saw newly arrived Ethiopians Jews still in native dress. So great is the transition from their ancient rural life to their new urban one that the week before in Arad, a group of new arrivals stood on the street corner and applauded everytime the traffic light changed.

Scarcity of Water: Arad's water supply comes from the desalinization plant at the Dead Sea. It's a costly operation, so water usage is strictly regulated. If Amos and Nili and their one child still at home, a 12 year old son, were to exceed their allotment, the municipal penalty is so stiff, Amos said, "that it would be cheaper to water the garden with Scotch whiskey." (Scotch, we found out, is not cheap either. A fifth of J&B retails for 75 shekels, or about \$37.50). There is a lovely little garden behind the house, and Arad itself is pleasantly green. The desert, despite the fact that it sustains an amazing variety of flora and fauna, cannot be cultivated in any usual gardening sense because of its salinity and acidity. Consequently, everywhere in Arad there is a ten-inch layer of imported topsoil for gardening and landscaping.

A little past noon Amos took us on a tour of the city. In the city center, we stopped in the cultural building for a showing of its film on the Negev. Then we toured the library which has far more books than the city has inhabitants. In one prominent corner there is a large display of Amos' books in most of the 30 languages

into which they have been translated.

Everywhere we went there were many warm exchanges between Amos and people who came up to greet him. The townspeople do not stand in awe of him, but it's very clear that they adore him and share proudly in his fame.

Returning home, we found Nili putting lunch on the table. Amos pitched in to help. Their son bounded in from school, and giving us only scant notice, he bounded out again with a friend. Nili had prepared a wonderful couscous, easily the best meal we had during our entire stay in Israel. The talking continued unabated: they told us about hearing SCUD missiles going by overhead when Saddam Hussein, during the Gulf War, tried to knock out the nuclear works at nearby Dimona; and we heard about their trip to Egypt the previous week, and how satisfying it had been. The only earlier "visit" Amos had made was in driving a tank into then enemy territory during the Six Day War.

After lunch, Amos signed and gave us copies of his newest novel in Hebrew, *The Third Condition*. Reluctantly we then said goodbye, and he left to keep a dentist's appointment. During coffee, Nili gave us some invaluable contacts for our upcoming trip to Egypt. Then she drove us to a taxi stand and we started back to Je-

rusalem. It had been a most memorable day.

Amos Oz was currently right about the lure and the pull of Arad. All our tomorrows could be spent there if we had half the chance!

*Joseph Cohen's most recent book is **Voices Of Israel: Essays On And Interviews With Yehuda Amichai, A.B. Yehoshua, T. Carmi, Aharon, Appelfeld and Amos Oz.***

With Friends Like You

by Matti Golan

Free Press 184 pp. \$19.95

Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

Having read *With Friends Like You: What Israelis Really Think about American Jews* ("really" is underlined), I feel as if all of us American Jews have been scolded, humiliated and disowned.

The charges might be discounted, were the book not praised by seven Israelis in respected positions who claim the book courageously tells the truth about American Jewry.

The author, Matti Golan, was editor of Israel's leading business newspaper, also political columnist and

editor of the daily *Ha'aretz* and Minister of Information at the Israeli Embassy in Canada. His current occupation is not stated.

In *With Friends Like You*, he lashes out with resentment and rage, principally because we have not gone to live in Israel. The book is an imaginary conversation between him, the ordinary Israeli, and Elie Wiesel. The accusation argues that all contributions of American Jews to Jewish organizations, including the United Jewish Appeal and the Jewish National Fund, serve the needs of American Jews more than the needs of Israel.

Matti Golan states that the American Jew is a worse enemy of Israel than the PLO. He decries the bad faith and hypocrisy which exist between us and Israelis.

This seems to be not a friendly invitation to make Aliyah, to make our homes in Israel, but a brew of frustration, anger, disillusion and weariness. You are urged to read *With Friends Like You*, and we would like you to write us with your reaction.

The book is translated from the Hebrew by Hillel Halkin.



Soviet actors perform "Rosencrantz and Guildenstern"—receive rave reviews. The 26-member Geshen Theater Company is composed of well-known dramatists, all of whom immigrated to Israel from the Moscow area. Their first play has been called by one Israeli reviewer, "The most professional theater in Israel." UJA Press Service/Ziva Cohen

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The Book of the Just: The Unsung Heroes Who Rescued Jews from Hitler

by Eric Silver

Grove Weidenfeld 175 pp. \$19.95

Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

Israel has honored more than 10,000 men and women who risked their lives, freedom and careers to save Jews in a Nazi Europe where it was open season for their systematic and random slaughter.

The Book of the Just tells the stories of forty of these "righteous among the nations," unsung heroes of the Holocaust. They were ordinary people who showed extraordinary courage. Most of those included in Eric Silver's book are unknown to us, but honored in Yad Vashem, Jerusalem.

Included are Moslems, Poles, Greek Orthodox, Lithuanians. They dwelt amidst their own people who looked the other way or aided the occupying Germans. There were Germans, too, in Germany and in the Germany army, even S.S. men who looked away from the refugees who were aided by gallant individuals and let some slip through.

The head of the Orthodox Church, in reply to Nazi occupation authorities who demanded the resignation of Archbishop Papandreou Damaskinos for opposing the extermination of Greek Jews, said, "The priests of the Orthodox Church never resign. . . even if they are hanged for it." The Archbishop insisted that all Greek citizens must enjoy the same treatment. "Greek Jews have proved their loyalty. . . Our holy religion does not recognize any distinction of superiority or inferiority based on race or religion." Twenty-eight national business, professional and cultural leaders endorsed his statement.

There was Sempo Sugihara, Japanese Consul in Kovno, the Lithuanian capital. He was there as a spy. From the end of 1939 till July 23, 1940, he issued no visas. Over the next month, he signed hundreds each day for Jews fleeing Poland as the Nazis invaded.

Sugihara's story should be read. He saved 4,500 Jews.

Most touching is the Portuguese Consul-General in Bordeaux, Aristides de Sousa Mendes, who signed entry visas for 30,000 refugees fleeing the Nazi occupation of France, assisted by his family. Yehuda Bauer rated this operation "perhaps the largest rescue action by a single individual during the Holocaust." Aristides was 55 years old, a high-born Portuguese man with a large fortune, who sacrificed everything to do what his faith and conscience urged. He was a devout Roman Catholic, whose Jewish ancestors had converted 400 years previously.

After a meeting at which a Polish rabbi informed him of the fate of the Jews, de Sousa Mendes decided to do all he could to save refugees. He was disgraced, lost his 45 room chateau, his pension, everything. He told the rabbi, "If thousands of Jews are to suffer because of one Catholic (Hitler), it was worth it for one Catholic to suffer for all Jews." In 1986, 32 years after this saintly person died, the president of Portugal, Mario Soares, bestowed the Order of Liberty medal on him. His family was compensated financially.

Amidst the horror in Nazi Europe, there glowed a fearless goodness, sometimes in unexpected places. There were countless clergy, convents which sheltered Jews without attempt to covert them, ignorant peasants who helped Jews through a feeling of brotherhood for humanity and members of resistance movements, desperately trying to fight the aggressor.

Eric Silver who lives in Jerusalem is an author and journalist. He has written a biography of Menachem Begin and was London *Guardian* staff correspondent in Israel from 1972 to 1987.

If I Am Not for Myself: The Liberal Betrayal of the Jews

by Ruth R. Wisse

Free Press 225 pp. \$22.95

Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

Ruth Wisse is a Canadian, teaching

Yiddish and English literature at McGill University, where she holds the endowed chair in Jewish Studies. She has written *If I Am Not for Myself* with deep concern and passion.

Because of the long commitment of the Jews to liberalism in numerous countries, she feels that the lack of support by liberal groups now is a betrayal. She came to this conclusion due to the survival of anti-Semitism, in spite of the destruction of fascist and communist regimes who were the worst anti-Semites.

Liberals are in an impossible position, she claims. Liberals are failing to confront those who attack Zionism, and gradually the sympathy of the liberals is being won over by the Arabs. As time passes, the efforts made by increasing Arab population in the United States through expenditure of money and propaganda are gaining influence. Ruth Wisse believes that Jews are becoming weary of the struggle.

The author discusses the history of Zionism, the different waves of immigration to Israel and the character of Israel. Is it a light unto the nations? Can it be expected to be a normal country? "Israel has never been a normal country, because its Arab neighbours refused to accept the fact of its existence. Israel became the most abnormal country in the world when it alone was accused of racism for the crime of its existence. . . The Arabs kept alive their intention of destroying the Jewish homeland. Their political war against the Jewish state perpetuates in political terms the same conditional status that once defined the Jews under Christian and Muslim rule." This quotation from the book is part of the seemingly hopeless situation described.

Greatly troubled by the threat to Israel, this author wants us to combat the enemy. I do not know how. Another thing I don't know is the reason for the Epilogue, "Reflections on Love and Loyalty," which is either symbolic of love and loyalty for Israel, or it is an eighteen page love story to reward the reader with an erotic account of a love affair in the form of a letter to the loved one.

The Recollections of Eugene P. Wigner

by Andrew Szanton
Plenum Publishing Corporation
335 pp. \$24.50

The biography of Eugene P. Wigner has been acclaimed for its account of the life of one of our century's outstanding physicists, written in a charming style.

Dr. Wigner's life was extraordinary, culminating in his award of the Nobel Prize for his achievements in physics. He had great influence on the modern understanding of science. Having worked with Albert Einstein for many years, he contributed to the Manhattan Project. He worked with Leo Szilard, Johnny von Neumann and Edward Teller, in turn one of the first to dream of the atom bomb, a great mathematician and the prime architect of the hydrogen bomb.

Also recounted in the book are Wigner's comments on the political turmoil of Hungary during and after World War I and his experiences in Berlin during the early 1930s as Hitler rose to power.

Andrew Szanton is a freelance writer specializing in the intellectual history of the Manhattan Project. He has worked at the Smithsonian Museum, recording memories of veterans of the Manhattan Project.

Against All Odds: Holocaust Survivors and the Successful Lives They Made in America

by William B. Helmreich
Simon and Schuster 350 pp. \$23.00
Excerpted from a review by Michael Berenbaum in the *Long Island Jewish World*

Many books speak *about* Holocaust survivors. They place them in categories, consider them as data for analysts, probe the scars that remain, examine survival from every conceivable angle. They do everything but listen to the survivors and talk with survivors about themselves.

Against All Odds by William Helmreich is a sensitive exploration of survivors in America. Helmreich brought to his study of the survivors' adjust-

ment to their new life the skepticism and the discipline of a trained sociologist and the soul of a Jew. He does not write about the Holocaust, but of its aftermath, the accommodation of survivors to life in the United States. His study is exhaustive.

Based on more than 170 interviews and six years of work, Helmreich has read all the studies of survivors by psychologists and sociologists. He has read memoirs written in the 1940s and the 1990s. He has read letters written by survivors to the *Bintel Brief* in 1947 and interviews given to the press in 1983.

But most importantly, he has met with survivors and let them tell their story of a journey from Europe to America, from the death camps and the displaced person camps, to the streets of New York or Atlanta, the farmland of Vineland or the halls of Congress.

The result is a charming work, filled not only with statistics and secondary studies, but with illustrative anecdotes, stories that contain all the richness of bittersweet memories. Helmreich writes not only of victimization, but resilience, not merely of death and destruction, but of rebirth and regeneration.

Hebrew, Holidays, & Heroes

by David P. Kasakove and
Kerry M. Olitzky
UAHC Press 79 pp. \$7.00

This book, subtitled *The Jewish Fun Book*, is truly that. The fun is composed of table games and word games, cartoons, quizzes and more.

Hebrew, Holidays, & Heroes is recommended for children aged 9 to 12, but can be enjoyed by their younger and older siblings, also. Jewish history and holidays are depicted informally, and black and white illustrations by Mark Lerer keep the learning lighthearted.

An example of the book's style is "The Rainbow Calendar Countdown." Noah's wife talks about the bad weather and her chore of counting the days on the calendar. Then, the Hebrew months are given in both

English and Hebrew, and the child is requested to arrange them in order. Even the number of days in each month is taught, and dates of special events. Surrounded by pairs of animals, Noah's wife is saying, "Well, I'm sure glad we'll soon be getting off this ark. I like pets, but this is ridiculous!"

There is a short English-Hebrew and Hebrew-English dictionary with common words. Learning and reviewing are made pleasant, and the contents of *Hebrew, Holidays, & Heroes* will provide many hours of worthwhile occupation.

David P. Kasakove is director of media and communications for the UAHC's Department for Religious Education and editor of Compass magazine. Rabbi Kerry M. Olitzky is director of the School of Education at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in New York City and is author and editor of many books. Illustrator Mark Lerer is both cartoonist and graphic designer, working for leading comic book companies.

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Islam in America

A new guide to Islam in America, published by the American Jewish Committee, is an effort to contribute to good relations between Jews and Muslims in the United States.

The most rapidly growing community in the U.S. is that of the Muslims, and there is much concern about the relationship between Islam, fundamentalism and terrorism. However, the booklet states that the vast majority of Muslims "are not fundamentalists, nor are they radicals, revolutionaries or extremists. . . The Islamic world is a highly complex organism, the opposite of monolithic, and not given to easy generalization. . . a broad spectrum of religious and political ideologies."

The AJC guide is written in the spirit of reconciliation, dedicated "to all those who are working for understanding and mutual respect between Muslims and Jews."

In The Winner's Circle: The Rosendorf Quartet

by Joseph Cohen

When the National Jewish Book Awards for 1992 were announced recently, I found myself marveling over the Jewish Book Council's fiction choice. The judges had selected Israeli writer and dramatist Nathan Shaham's *The Rosendorf Quartet* (Grove Weidenfeld; \$19.95), translated from the Hebrew by Dalya Bilu. Strangely, I had hardly heard of the book, and I do not recall seeing reviews of it when it appeared. It's not the first time the Book Council's judges have plucked a long-shot out of the stable and put it in the winner's circle. Was their choice justified?

To answer that question fairly, one would have to have had read all the novels that made it to the finals. I haven't done that, but I know a winner when I see one, and the answer is a resounding Yes; their choice was justified! The book is superbly crafted, full of wise, sensitive insights into the human condition and the role and function of music in our lives.

Moreover, it gives us a picture of Jewish life in Palestine under the British Mandate in the 1930s when the first German emigres from Hitler's Germany were arriving and attempting to grapple with the enormous culture shock of their transplanted lives. Cast out of their beloved homeland in whose culture they had saturated themselves, the principal characters in *The Rosendorf Quartet*, four musicians and the novelist who tells their story, find themselves, merely by dint of being Jewish (a hugely unimportant and, indeed, distressingly negative identity for several of them) thrust into a cultural wasteland so barren they are totally demoralized by the formidable challenges of learning Hebrew, making a living in their chosen profession, and nurturing their spirits.

The novel has a special relevance for us today, because among the Russian Olim, there are thousands of talented musicians who have come to Israel only to be confronted by many of the same survival problems faced

by the members of the Rosendorf Quartet. True the cultural climate has improved significantly in Israel since the 1930s, but that is as much a hindrance as a help to the newcomers, for the native arts community in the tiny Jewish state is filled to bursting, and it cannot hope to provide the opportunities these artists need to thrive and flourish as musicians. Because of their sheer numbers, they are in a desperate situation. It is an enormously serious problem.

The seriousness of the artists' problem is dramatically illustrated in the lives of the protagonist Kurt Rosendorf and his colleagues. Dismissed in 1936 from his post as first violinist with the Berlin Philharmonic and presiding over the demise of the original Rosendorf Quartet of whom three of the members are Jewish, the thirty-eight year old Rosendorf leaves his Christian wife—they have agreed mutually to separate—and his exceptionally talented teen-age daughter for Palestine with an offer of a job with a new symphony orchestra being formed there.

Barely existing, Rosendorf understands his spiritual salvation rests not within his perfunctory duties in the orchestra but in establishing a new quartet since it is only through this highly sophisticated individualized medium that he can find and articulate his true artistic expression. If, as the novelist character, Egon Loewenthal, says, "music is the motherland of the stateless," then the string quartet is for Rosendorf the motherland's capital city. It is only there he can reside.

Rosendorf succeeds in enlisting three other musicians. Konrad Friedman, second violin, a young Zionist distraught over the cultural and political ambivalences in his life; Bernard Litovsky, cellist, an aging athlete unable to stabilize his life; and Eva Staubenfeld, viola, an exceptionally beautiful, sensual but bitter woman who was incestuously abused in childhood and subsequently fell heir to a host of other tragedies. She automatically becomes the symbolic madonna and whore for the quartet, a

riveting force, cementing and divisive at the same time.

The standards of the individual musicians are high, all are accomplished and dedicated artists, willing to sacrifice everything to achieve total mastery of their instruments and of their musical selves, seeking together to attain perfection equal to the reverence they hold for music. Once they come together as a quartet, they interact first as musicians and secondly as human beings, and it is in all this interaction that the novel takes off and soars as a superb musical score itself. If Melville's *Moby Dick* is the fictional bible of whaling, then Shaham's *The Rosendorf Quartet* is the fictional bible of chamber music. It's fascinating.

Shaham gives each member of the quartet a chapter to play out all of his/her feelings and thoughts about the other members of the quartet, the novelist, their pasts, the meaning of music to them, their obsession with living their lives more in time than in space (for time is the province of music just as space is the province of painting), their philosophies and interpretations of musical theory. The novel gathers grace and power, achieving an impressively memorable level of writing, particularly in the chapters devoted to Staubenfeld and Loewenthal where the *bon mots* flourish, the ironies abound and the insights delight.

Given the competence and the experience and, one takes for granted, the impartiality of the Jewish Book Council's judges, their recommendations are about the best guide we have to identify the most significant Jewish books of the year. Put another way, the recommendations we get from them are generally straight from the horse's mouth. They can lead me to drink at their trough anytime.

Joseph Cohen's most recent book is Voices of Israel: Essays on and Interviews With Yehuda Amichai, A. B. Yehoshua, T. Carmi, Aharon Appelfeld and Amos Oz.

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National & World News Briefs

Jewish Groups Launch Drive to Help Abie Nathan Build a Tent City in Kenya to House and Feed 20,000 Refugees from Somalia

A coalition of leading national Jewish organizations has joined with Abie Nathan, the Israeli humanitarian, in a dramatic effort to help build a tent city in northeast Kenya to house and feed 20,000 starving refugees from drought-ridden Somalia across the border.

The project is seeking financial support from the American Jewish community and the people of Israel. It has received the endorsement of the United Nations and the Kenya government. The cost of the project is estimated at \$1 million.

The sponsoring American Jewish groups, calling themselves the Jewish Coalition for Somali Refugee Relief, are: the American Jewish Committee, American Jewish Congress, Anti-Defamation League, B'nai B'rith International, Central Conference of American Rabbis, Federation of Reconstructionist Congregations and Havurot, National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods-Women of Reform Judaism, National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council, Reconstructionist Rabbinical Association, UJA-Federation of New York, Union of American Hebrew Congregations, United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism, Women's League for Conservative Judaism and the World Congress of Gay and Lesbian Jewish Congregations.

Contributions should be sent to the Joint Distribution Committee Somali Relief Fund, 711 Third Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10017.

The tent city, said coalition leaders, will be completed and capable of caring for refugees within six weeks after construction begins. The numbing difficulties of delivering and distributing supplies that have stalled relief efforts in strife-torn Somalia will not

be a problem across the border in Kenya, they noted.

No Involvement by Somalia

The government of Somalia, which does not have diplomatic relations with Israel and has refused Israeli or Jewish aid of any kind, will not be involved with the project. The government of Kenya, which has close diplomatic ties with Israel, has agreed to provide a site for the tent city, which will be built by American Jewish and Israeli volunteers and Kenyan workers.

Thirty-six members of Israel's Knesset (parliament), representing different political parties, have signed a statement publicly endorsing the campaign launched by Abie Nathan "as part of the international humanitarian effort to save the lives of hundreds of thousands of Somali children who are starving and displaced."

Once the tent city is completed and fully operational, it will be turned over to the United Nations High Commission on Refugees, which will be responsible for its operation and administration.

The facility will provide tents, blankets and mattresses to the 20,000 refugee inhabitants. Generators will supply electricity. Wells will be dug and pipes laid to provide water. Latrines will also be dug. Food and other supplies will be distributed to the tent dwellers, and each family will be given a cement cooking area near its tent. A field hospital stocked with necessary medicines will be set up for the sick.

Every tent will be painted with the inscription, "From Jerusalem with Love."

Organizers of the Jewish Coalition for Somali Refugee Relief observed that while significant quantities of food are now pouring into the region, there are too few distribution sites and clinics.

Hungry to Learn

A seminar sponsored by the World Union for Progressive Judaism was held in Galitzina on the outskirts of Moscow.

Participants from Estonia, Siberia,

Ukraine and other far-flung republics of the former U.S.S.R. showed a real hunger to know and learn. Most had a minimal Jewish background.

Rabbi Joel Oseran, formerly of University Synagogue in Los Angeles, is now a WUPJ staff member in Jerusalem. He led a memorable session on Shabbat. The course of study dealt with the Jewish holidays.

There were intense sessions devoted to educational techniques. Study materials and new books were introduced. Teachers left loaded with ideas and supplies.

The seminar was declared the best of its kind, lasting 12 days.

Rabbi Moshe Tutnauer and his wife Margie, who made this report, live and work in Jerusalem. They were formerly of Phoenix, Arizona, where Rabbi Tutnauer led Beth El Congregation.

Conservative Rabbis Launch Nationwide Jewish Literacy Program to Reach Non-Jewish (Intermarried) Partners, the Unaffiliated and Marginal Jews

The Rabbinical Assembly, representing 1440 Conservative rabbis internationally, has launched an effort aimed at providing non-Jewish partners, marginal Jews and those unaffiliated with a basic comprehension of Jewish law, practices, history and demonstrating that a modern, yet traditional approach to Judaism can enhance one's life style and that of a family.

The RA's Committee on Outreach and Conversion has received the cooperation of Conservative rabbis throughout the country who are (or will be) conducting synagogue-based Jewish Literacy courses—eight one-and-one-half hour sessions—covering such basic topics as: Jewish beliefs and concepts, theology and Jewish law, ritual practices, holidays, maintaining a Jewish home, prayer, how to pray and the meaning of prayer, and such contemporary themes as: Israel and the diaspora, evil and Jewish law, the environment

and peace in the world. Rabbi Avis Miller, chairperson of the RA's Outreach Committee from Washington, D.C., announced that a number of her colleagues in the northeast covering about ten states had already set such programs and others were planning them during the next number of months.

Rabbi Gerald Zelizer, RA president from Metuchen, N.J., stated that a serious effort to reach out to the unaffiliated is a vital component of "Jewish continuity. The *halachah* (Jewish law) dictates that one cannot pray in a sanctuary without windows; our vision must reach beyond our own walls. This continued increase of intermarriages and low Jewish birth-rate necessitates this expanded view."

Rabbi Zelizer believed that "if we show our desire to make such individuals a welcome part of our Jewish family and arouse their interest in the rich spiritual and historic heritage of Judaism, many will join our congregations and begin leading a fuller Jewish life.

Rabbi Miller of Adas Israel Congregation, Washington, D.C., stated, "we want to let people know that converting to Judaism is an exciting option which will enhance their own lives and the lives of their families." She added, "we want to communicate our own sense of Jewish joy and fulfillment to those already within the orbit of our Jewish community but who do not belong to any synagogue or Jewish organization".

Rabbi Miller emphasized that a prime objective of the program was to reach intermarried families, adult children of mixed marriages and marginal Jews.

The Jewish Literacy course at Adas Israel, which began Oct. 27 for eight sessions was "oversubscribed" according to Rabbi Miller. In the greater Boston area four congregations in Newton, Nadick, Swampscott and Norwood are engaged in such pilot programs.

"Here at Temple Shaare Tefilah in Norwood, Mass., I have a class of 25 families studying all year with me on a monthly basis" noted Rabbi Pamela

Barmash, adding this had already produced several new members for the congregation.

Rabbi Barmash explained that "a real yearning for knowledge exists among young families who are looking to explore Judaism." She stressed that this program is aimed not only at the intermarrieds but young Jewish marrieds.

Rabbi Miller indicated that pilot programs during the next few months will be carried out in Maryland, Virginia, Massachusetts, District of Columbia, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and Florida.

Each set of courses will be adapted to suit the needs and interest of congregational members and those in the community, Rabbi Miller added.

The following are excerpts from FAST FACTS...October 1992, a publication of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee's (JDC) Public Information and Education Department.

Israel

Ethiopians Learn the Basics of Israeli Living

As Ethiopian *olim* move into their own homes they need skills that are taken for granted by the rest of the Israeli population. In order to be self-sufficient they must be taught the basics of nutrition so they can maintain a healthy diet of Israeli food; the use of modern appliances such as the oven and refrigerator; and basic plumbing, electricity and carpentry so they can fix a leak, change a fuse and put up a shelf.

To address this issue JDC is funding courses in 8 community centers around the country to teach the basics of every day living in Israel. Two hundred Ethiopians have participated in the program which is now in its second year.

Immigrants Trained to Fill Needs in Textile and High-Tech Industries

Israel's textile and high-tech industries recently got a "shot in the arm" as a group of 28 Russian immigrant engineers graduated from two retraining programs sponsored by JDC,

the Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs and the Absorption Ministry.

One of the courses prepared *olim* with the computer backgrounds to work in the field of computer software. They were trained at Decision System Israel, a private company specializing in this field, and were guaranteed at least three years of employment. Decision System is now training some 100 immigrant computer engineers, many of them PhD's, to almost double its work force.

The other course took place at the Jerusalem Fiber Institute and trained the immigrants in the specialized fiber technology and chemistry fields to fill the needs of the textile industry. Of the 16 graduates from the last course, 15 have already found employment in their field.

Former Soviet Union

New Jewish Texts to Compete in the Former Soviet Educational System

This fall Jewish children in the former Soviet Union will regain part of their long-denied Jewish heritage. Eight thousand students will receive books on Jewish holidays, history and customs, supplied by the JDC. In total 65,000 textbooks will be sent to over 100 day and supplementary schools from the Baltic to the Pacific.

"Russian education is experiencing the same revolutionary changes as the political scene and the economic order. The old history is being discarded. New texts are being written based on the volumes of the new order. Our books have arrived to compete in this market of ideas. They are filled with the best our tradition has to offer," said Dr. Seymour Epstein, JDC's Education Director.

Morocco

Residents of the Home for the Aged in Casablanca now have a regular activity to look forward to—making carpets! As part of his year in the JDC Jewish Service Corps, Ben Baskin from University Heights, Ohio instituted the "Carpet Project" to provide the residents, many of whom are physically handicapped, with mental and physical stimulation.

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A BABUSHKA AT BJH WITH YOUR SUPPORT DREAMS BECOME REALITY

The first thing you noticed about her was that she was a tiny woman, wearing a large smile with a babushka wrapped around her head. Webster's Dictionary defines babushka as a "scarf," usually worn folded in a triangle and tied under the chin. It's name derives from the image it evokes, of elderly Eastern European women with scarves tied around their heads. However, in Russian the word babushka literally means grandmother or old woman.

Her name is Khaya and when I first saw her she was sitting in her new home, wearing a "babushka," of course, and observing her new and strange surroundings. She was a true babushka, a new emigrant from the former Soviet Union and a great-grandmother. Not knowing any Russian, I grasped for a faint recollection of Yiddish memories of my own grandmother. "Shana Maidel," I said to her with a fond touch to the cheek. Her eyes sparkled and her



Khaya Groyser is now seen with a sparkling smile but without a "babushka" in her new home in America.

smile spread across her face and a babble of Yiddish words followed. Of course not understanding, I only added to her confusion by saying no "fastaish." It didn't matter, though, we had made a connection and she was smiling.

A new immigrant, Khaya was in America with her children just a few weeks when she took ill. The hospital frightened her, no one understanding her and she understanding even less. No longer able to stay in the hospital, she needed care that her family could not provide. She was lucky, for the year was not 1892, but a century later, 1992, and she had moved to a community which now supported and provided for a Jewish Home for the elderly.

In this Home, though still a stranger to America, Khaya found men and women who could speak to her in Yiddish. They could tell the staff her needs, they could help to make her feel at Home. In this Home, the Blumenthal Jewish Home, the Babushka smiles often because she has found a new home in her new country, a place she belongs. A place made possible by those who support the dream of a Jewish Home for the Aged.

On the Home Front ...

CHARLES McINTIRE JOINS BJH AS CHEF



Chef Charles McIntire's culinary talents shine forth from the glistening BJH kitchen.

Blumenthal Jewish Home welcomes Charles McIntire as the new chef in the Dining Services Department. Charles' lifetime love of cooking together with broad experience in both an academic career and food service bring great promise to this position. Charles was born in Winston-Salem into an academic family with an interest in cooking and catering. Seventh generation in Winston-Salem, Charles' family roots go back to servants in Old Salem in 1803.

Charles inherited his love of cooking from his grandmother and great-grandmother, both of whom attended Tuskegee University and studied nutrition. The grandmothers were cooks for the R.J. Reynolds family in the Reynolda Road home and the Lasaters whose home at the time was the present BJH mansion.

Charles attended the University of Southern California in Los Angeles, received a Master's Degree in Library Science and devoted the next 20 years to an

academic career. His love of cooking became an avocation. While assistant professor and coordinator of the Co-op program at Northeastern University in Boston, he began to work with a popular Jewish kosher caterer. Through this experience he says he gained knowledge not only of formal events and fine dining but of Jewish food and the diversity of food preferences among differing backgrounds. "We had to please both the bubbie and the bride when catering a wedding," says Charles. To add academic knowledge to this practical experience, Charles returned to graduate school for a degree in nutrition.

Now with the opportunity to fulfill an early dream, Charles says, "For the first time in my life I'm doing what I want to do, it's wonderful to have a second chance on a career." Charles speaks with great enthusiasm of his hopes for this position. "My first concerns here are the dietary needs of the residents and their desires. I want



Rosalind Morton and Nancy Plyler enjoyed sampling the Chef's specialties at the Winston-Salem Sports Night Dinner.

to serve meals with the same care and quality the residents would have enjoyed at home. My grandmother said, 'People see it first, smell it second and taste it last,' food needs to be appealing, have aroma and be tasty. I feel blessed to have inherited good people to work with at BJH; Izora and Ruth are two excellent cooks who have worked here many years — I am happy to be here and welcome recipes, concerns, and visits from readers as well as families."

Charles McIntire desires for people to enjoy good food and fine dining as much as he enjoys preparing it. Residents, staff, and community visitors had already enjoyed the opportunities to experience his culinary talents. We are pleased to welcome Charles McIntire to BJH.

BJH NEWS

Editor - Sue Clein

On the Home Front ... continued

AN EVENING WITH BILLY LEE IS A WINNER FOR BJH



Warren Sparrow served as an excellent Master of Ceremonies for the Evening with Coach Lee.

An Evening with Billy Lee at the Blumenthal Jewish Home on Saturday August 29 was a winning event. Billy Lee, the winning Campbell University Head Basketball Coach, entertained the guests with his sparkling wit. The Dining Services Department and new chef Charles McIntire received rave reviews for an elegant and delicious gourmet formal dinner, including tasty hors d'oeuvres, during the cocktail hour, chef carved standing prime rib roast, and cold poached salmon and vegetables for dinner topped off by a sweet table featuring an elegant English trifle.

Thanks to the committee who organized this Winston-Salem Sports Night and the generosity of contributors, an evening with Billy Lee was a true success. Special thanks to volunteers Warren Sparrow, who served as Master of Ceremonies, Ron Ruthfield for Piano Music, and Suzy Kurtz and Lynn Eisenberg for floral arrangements.



Coach Billy Lee is surrounded by fans following his entertaining presentation.



Clockwise from above: Seen enjoying the Saturday evening festivities were: Carol and Joseph Silverman, Ron Ruthfield who entertained at the piano, and Suzy Kurtz, Susan Brenner and Frances Brenner.



On the Home Front ... continued

PIEDMONT CRAFTS GLASSTRAVAGANZA ON EXHIBIT AT BJH

Partners in excellence, the Blumenthal Jewish Home and Piedmont Craftsman, join together to present Glasstravaganza, an exhibit of multiple disciplines in glass, on exhibit at the Home from November 15 through December 10, 1992. Piedmont Craftsman is a nonprofit organization representing the highest standards of contemporary and traditional crafts. Blumenthal Jewish Home, a nonprofit corporation, represents the highest standards of excellence in long term nursing and residential care.

Glasstravaganza represents the work of Piedmont Craftsman's juried glass artists throughout the Southeast. The exhibit features a

diverse collection of techniques and styles of contemporary studio art glass from 19 artists. The exhibit may be seen at the Home daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., giving residents and visitors the opportunity to see and enjoy the newest and finest in this craft. **All items are for sale and a percentage of the sales will benefit the Blumenthal Jewish Home.**

An opening reception will be held Sunday November 15, 3-5 p.m. in the Fair Oaks Commons, at the Blumenthal Jewish Home. Please join us for the opening or visit BJH from November 15 to December 10 to view the exhibit. For information contact Sue Clein at (919) 766-6401.

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Opening Reception

Sunday, November 15, 1992 • 3-5 P.M.

Fair Oaks Commons



Fair Oaks residents Shirley Shane, Virginia Brown and Micky Samet enjoyed seeing friends and family at Greensboro Women's Organization's Joint Opening Luncheon.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

NOVEMBER

Mary Barrett
Helene Baruch
Ura (Peggy) Cole
Else Guthmann
Addie Harris
Amy Idol
Mae Kornbluth
Betty Levine
David Levine
Ann Nelson
Herman Nove
Lillian Snead
Wray Speas

DECEMBER

Fannie Benson
Ben Bruck
George Carp
Claire Cass
Mary Cohen
Sarah Cohen
Lena Coles
Ann DeFilipp
V. Frances Futrell
Barnet Goldberg
Bernice Goldfinger
Khaya Groyser
Ella Gunzberger
Ira Gutman
Lucille Holleman
Alfred Lubetsky
Moe Mandel
Ruth Menins
Kate Pliner
Dorothy Poliakoff
Ida Rabinowitz

IN MEMORY

We mourn the loss of:

William Gibbs
Myrtle Gilbert

May their cherished
memories bring comfort
to their loved ones.

FAIR OAKS

Goodmans Celebrate 60th Anniversary



Beatrice and Bernie Goodman celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary on September 16th in their new home with their new Fair Oaks and BJH friends. Everyone enjoyed toasting the "bride and groom," as they were affectionately called, with good wishes. Party planners Gail Ruthfield, Fair Oak's activity therapist, and the social work team, served the beautiful refreshments, highlighted by Bernie's favorite strawberry shortcake. Sally Terreni, new B-2 activity therapist, provided an entertaining flute concert.

Beatrice and Bernie Goodman were married in Brooklyn, New

York on September 17, 1932 and lived in New York City until 1972. Bernie retired from his cleaning business and they moved to Riviera Beach, Florida for the next 20 years. In April 1992 they moved to Fair Oaks where they are enjoying new friends and a new lifestyle.

Beatrice studied art and graduated from Pratt University in New York. She has found herself a home in the BJH Craft Shop where she loves to spend time painting. Bernie has even been talked into visiting the craft shop and is involved in crafting birds, says Catherine Smith, Craft Shop Instructor.

We congratulate the Goodmans on this milestone and look forward to celebrating many anniversaries with them and with our other Fair Oaks and BJH couples.



Left from above: Bernie and Beatrice Goodman are delighted in the warmth and good wishes offered by friends sharing in their 60th wedding anniversary celebration. Recreation therapist Sally Terreni entertains with a flute concert. Fair Oaks residents enjoy the celebration and the tasty treats.

Below: Beatrice and Bernie are pictured with volunteer Jeanne Reznick on a recent outing to Hanes Mall.



BJH NEWS BRIEFS: Starring Summer Events



Lena Zimmerman celebrated her 106th birthday at BJH in August.



The Meschan sisters are starring attractions at BJH. Deborah Meschan, joined by sisters Lisa and Julia, presented a talented singing performance for the August birthday party.

- **MAZEL TOV** to Lena Zimmerman who celebrated 106 years on August 26. Mrs. Zimmerman, born in Russia in 1886, came to the United States as an infant and lived in New York City. She became a resident of BJH at age 98 and has celebrated many special birthdays at the Home, always enjoying the attention and delighting all with her keen sense of humor.
- **DEBORAH, LISA, AND JULIA** Meschan captured our residents' hearts when they entertained for the August birthday party on August 4th. These singing sisters from Greensboro sang a medley of popular tunes and charmed residents with their delightful personalities. The Meschan Sisters are stars at BJH.
- **A TOUR TO THE** National Parks for BJH and Fair Oaks residents was made possible via a slide show this summer. Fred Van Pelt, Clemmons Kiwanis Club volunteer, brought Yellow Stone National Park into view for residents to see and appreciate without their having to leave home.

WELCOME

May you have a long, healthy, and happy life.

Ella Blachman
Columbia, SC
Lena Coles
Atlanta, GA
Allan Fisher
Winston-Salem, NC
Sue Michielutte
Rock Island, IL
Gertrude Monosoff
Akron, OH
Ila Poplin
Winston-Salem, NC
Walter Roberts
Winston-Salem, NC
Bessie Schwartz
High Point, NC
Wray Speas
Winston-Salem, NC

CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER

- 1 Sunday Sweets with Sisterhood, Temple Emanuel, Upper Commons, 2:30 p.m.
- 3 Election Day, Friendship Room
- 3 Homewide Birthday Party, Greensboro Volunteers, Commons Auditorium, 1:30 p.m.
- 4 Muriel's Comfort Clothing, Friendship Room, 1:30-3:30 p.m.
- 6 Mass with Father Walsh from Holy Family Catholic Church, Friendship Room, 10:00 a.m.
- 8 Brenner Concert, "Barbershop Harmony," Commons Auditorium, 3:00 p.m.
- 10 Senior Citizens Luncheon, Clemmons, 10:15 a.m.
- 11 Rabbi's Hour with Rabbi Liebschutz, Synagogue, 2:00 p.m.
- 12 Friendship Circle Meeting, Greensboro, 10:30 a.m.
- 19 Starmount Country Club, Greensboro, 10:30 a.m.
- 20 Shopping at Hanes Mall, Winston-Salem, 9:30 a.m.
- 22 Brenner Concert, Wallace Cassady's Magic Show, Commons Auditorium, 3:00 p.m.
- 23 Best of Broadway, Commons Auditorium, 2:30 p.m.
- 25 Rabbi's Hour with Rabbi White, Synagogue, 11:00 a.m.
- 25 Thanksgiving Services, Commons Auditorium, 2:30 p.m.

- **DANDY BLUE EYES** had all the residents' eyes sparkling when he visited the Home on September 8. Tom and Joanne Clarkson are volunteers with the "Critter Cuddler" program and regular pet therapy visitors at BJH. They delighted residents when they brought Dandy, a miniature horse, to visit in the Courtyard. Dandy seemed to like the petting and residents were curious about this unusual pet.
- **GREENSBORO'S WOMENS** Organization's Joint Opening Luncheon was a special treat for BJH and Fair Oaks residents on September 9. They enjoyed a beautiful luncheon, dynamic speaker and especially the opportunity to visit with old friends and the many Greensboro volunteers.



Critter Cuddler volunteers Tom and Joanne Clarkson introduce their miniature horse to the residents. (Photo by Charlie Buchanan, Winston-Salem Journal.)



On behalf of the residents, Yvette Pearlman thanks the Greensboro volunteers at the Joint Opening Luncheon.

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Chanukah Begins Dec. 19

CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER

- 1 Homewide Birthday Party, Greensboro Volunteers, Commons Auditorium, 1:30 p.m.
- 4 Mass with Father Walsh from Holy Family Catholic Church, Friendship Room, 10:00 a.m.
- 6 Sunday Sweets with Sisterhood, Temple Emanuel, Upper Commons, 2:30 p.m.
- 8 Senior Citizens Luncheon, Clemmons, 10:15 a.m.
- 9 Rabbi's Hour with Rabbi Liebschutz, Synagogue, 2:00 p.m.
- 10 Residents Christmas Party, Friendship Room, 2:00 p.m.
- 11 Shopping at Hanes Mall, Winston-Salem, 9:30 a.m.
- 13 Brenner Concert, Alex Axiotis, "Harmonic Sounds," Commons Auditorium, 3:00 p.m.
- 15 Friendship Circle Meeting, Twentieth Anniversary Dinner, Greensboro, 4:30 p.m.
- 17 Moravian Love Feast, Advent Moravian Church, Commons Auditorium, 6:30 p.m.
- 19 Eve of Hanukah, Services, Synagogue, 6:15 p.m.
- 19-26 Hanukah Candle Lighting, Individual Units, 5:00 p.m.
- 20 First Day of Hanukah, Services, Synagogue, 9:15 a.m.
- 20 Brenner Concert, Gerry Rhode, "Accordion Music," Commons Auditorium, 3:00 p.m.
- 23 Rabbi's Hour with Rabbi White, Synagogue, 11:00 a.m.
- 23 Hanukah Celebration, 2:00 p.m., Commons Auditorium

BJH Is Happy To Announce Its Selections For Employee Of The Month



JEAN GREENE

Administrative Assistant,
Development Office
August, 1992

Jean Greene's career has come full circle since her first job at the Methodist Children's Home in Winston-Salem. Jean was born in Waynesville, N.C. and moved to the Children's Home in Winston-

Salem at the age of 14. Following graduation from Reynolds High School and a commercial course at Womans College of the University of North Carolina, she returned to work in the office of the Children's Home. Jean views working at BJH as not too dissimilar an atmosphere from her career beginning at the Children's Home, a nonprofit, care giving institution, founded to give help to those in need. Describing BJH, she says, "I like working in a caregiving place . . . , I see that in the people that work here . . . in walking down the halls, I can see the caring that is there. If I had to choose a place to go to for care this would be where I would choose."

Jean began working in the Development Office in May, 1991. She brings a wealth of experience in administrative, organizational and computer skills to her position as Administrative Assistant. Jean says she likes the activity of the

office, the variety of tasks and the organizational responsibility of keeping the office records and the database up-to-date. "I especially enjoy the people, it's my daytime family and a nice substitute. I feel very fortunate to be working at the Blumenthal Jewish Home and I am absolutely honored and proud to be chosen Employee of the Month," said Jean.

Blumenthal Jewish Home is proud to have Jean as a member of the staff. She approaches her job not only with professionalism and a high degree of responsibility but with warmth, graciousness, and always a positive attitude.

In her leisure time Jean enjoys playing bridge, remodeling her new home and traveling with her husband, Charles Greene.

BJH congratulates Jean Greene, a deserving recipient of this award.



SHELBY MULLIS

LPN,
A-Wing
September, 1992

Shelby Mullis brought her caring manner and a variety of nursing experience with her when she joined the BJH staff in April 1990.

With a 13 year career in nursing, Shelby has worked at Baptist Hospital, Davie County Hospital, Autumn Care Nursing Home and physicians' offices. She says she likes Geriatric nursing the most and enjoyed the geriatric aspect of hospital care.

Shelby's nursing career was a mid-life career choice and a good one. She says, "I don't know of anything I would have liked better." Shelby received her LPN training at Fayetteville Community College, where her husband was stationed in the military. She decided on a nursing career when her two daughters were almost through college and Lewis, her husband, was close to retirement from the military. During his 21 year career they moved 18 times and enjoyed the military lifestyle in numerous

eastern and southern states, the Canal Zone and Hawaii.

A native of Davie County, Shelby is glad to be back in this area and working at BJH. She has nothing but praise for BJH, with appreciation for the staff, the people she works with, the personalized attention she sees the residents receiving and the varied activities that are offered to them. "I really enjoy doing direct patient care, you have time to get to know the residents, to learn their likes and dislikes and to gain understanding. The most important thing is gaining their trust," says Shelby in describing what she likes about working in long term care.

Kathy Williamson, A-Wing Unit manager, says, "Shelby is an outstanding employee, and A-Wing is proud to have her on our team.

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BJH CELEBRATES NATIONAL HOUSEKEEPERS WEEK

Allen McManus, Director of Housekeeping at the Home and a member of the National Executive Housekeepers Association, planned a week to honor the housekeeping staff during National Housekeeping Week, September 13-19. Allen says that both the national and local recognition is a way to give attention to the deserving efforts of our staff. Recognition at BJH included luncheons for the staff, special tee shirts and buttons worn that week, and gift certificates. It was a week devoted to recognizing our housekeeping staff who are committed to quality care, hard work and team effort every week. BJH congratulates our Housekeeping Department.



The Housekeeping staff enjoyed a week of recognition events in honor of the hard work they do every week. Left to Right: Rory Blackwell, Cindy Brewer, Denise Robertson, William Anderson, Wanda King, Beverly Hobson, Donnie McIntosh, Mitzi Phelps, Allen McManus (Director of Housekeeping), Lisa Williams, Billie West and Bernard Jennings.



Fair Oaks resident Therese Serxner enjoyed celebrating her birthday at the party in August.

Shelby Mullis (con't.)

She is extremely dedicated to providing quality care to our residents in a compassionate manner. She is a compliment to the nursing profession."

During her leisure time Shelby enjoys the pleasures of crafts, sewing, exercising at the Y and spending time with her granddaughter.

Blumenthal Jewish Home is proud to present this honor to Shelby Mullis. She is a person whose efforts we appreciate and whom we are proud to have on our staff.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to the following staff members who celebrate anniversaries of employment in November and December.

NOVEMBER

6 Years

Janet Kindred, *Director of Social Services*

4 Years

Salinda Monroe, *RN, B-1*

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Rain or shine our volunteers come through! Greensboro volunteers meet the BJH bus at Starmount Country Club. On the front row are volunteers Joey Strasser and Bill Swirin and friendly waiters from the Club offering assistance.

A scientific research team from a highly acclaimed foreign university visited the Home recently. They were studying the phenomenon of volunteering in America. To develop the profile of our volunteers, they dispersed throughout the Home to observe activities. Following their research, the team members gathered together to report and formulate their profile. "Volunteers are young females, they are small, between the ages of 9-14 who entertain and sing beautiful songs for the residents," said one. "No," said another, "volunteers are tall, they are men who lead discussion groups and give talks and show slides of the National Parks." "You are both wrong," said the third— "volunteers work in groups, they are men, women, and teens and they push residents in wheel chairs, hold their hands and smile a lot." "Your

observations are flawed," said the final team member, "Volunteers are not people, they are four-legged creatures that allowed themselves to be petted and bring their owners along to visit the residents. There must be something we are missing — can we agree on any common variables?" After much deliberation, the group announced their findings (No surprise to BJH) — volunteers are individuals of all sizes, sexes, ages, interests, and talents. What they share in common is a really big heart and a giving nature.

No, we didn't actually have a scientific study at BJH this year, but Yes! we do have volunteers who give of themselves, sharing their time, their talents and their gifts of caring with our residents. You don't need to fit into a defined profile to be a volunteer at BJH. You just



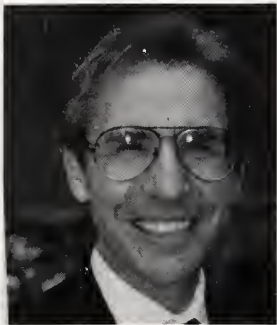
Above: Volunteers Howard Friedenson and Jonathan Thull greet BJH resident Jane Rosenberg at Hanes Mall.

Below: Volunteer Kimrey Pollack assists Fair Oaks resident Nelly Schwarz with her shopping in the BJH General Store.



need to be willing to try to share some of your time with others.

Volunteers are needed to light the Chanukah menorahs each night of Chanukah (December 19-26) in the BJH dining rooms. To volunteer, contact Sue Clein at (919) 766-6401.



What's Developing?

by Bruce Schlosberg
Director of Development

WORKING TOGETHER WILL WORK

HERMAN BLUMENTHAL CHALLENGES THE COMMUNITY

Herman Blumenthal has set forth a challenge to the Jewish Community of North and South Carolina for the Fair Oaks Campaign. Mr. Blumenthal has presented to the Blumenthal Jewish Home the ownership of a warehouse in California. The Home will apply any proceeds received from the warehouse to the Fair Oaks project.

In presenting the gift, Mr. Blumenthal said that "our number one priority at the Home is to eliminate the \$2.4 million debt on Fair Oaks. I am hoping that as a result of this gift the Jewish Community will respond positively and make additional contributions towards this worth-

while undertaking. We need everyone to participate."

Several leaders have heeded the call and are meeting the challenge with major gifts as of press time. They are Leonard Kaplan of Greensboro, Herman Bernard of High Point, and Sol Schechter of Kinston.

DOR L DOR

My mother is in Michigan, and I am here in North Carolina. She needs me, but I have my responsibilities to my family and my job. What do I do?

My father's health is failing. He doesn't seem to remember times, dates, and people. He is becom-

ing very testy and I do not know what to do.

My mother still makes me feel guilty. She is in a nursing home, and if I don't call her every day, she makes some sarcastic comment.

There are many more stories like these which people are discussing at Dor L Dor, a support group for people who are dealing with their aging parents. The program began in Columbia, South Carolina in May and Greenville, South Carolina in October. Plans are underway to expand the program in several other cities.

If you're dealing with your aging parent or soon will, come to these sessions. You will learn ways of dealing with the problem in a friendly environment and you will feel better.



Recent visitors to the Home were, from left to right, Sol and Pearl Schechter, Dr. Joseph Katz and Harriet Chused, all from Kinston, NC, and Ruth Leder from Clinton, NC.



Linda and Bill Ashendorf, from Charlotte, are enjoying seeing the beautiful BJH courtyard on their visit to the Home.

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The Board of Trustees is setting their sights on raising the funds before the end of 1993. Please do your part and let's burn the mortgage.



Friends of the Home gathered for a Fair Oaks Campaign meeting in Greensboro. Left to Right: Herman Cone, Ron Weiner, Don Morris, Leah Tannenbaum, Frank Brenner, Rhonda Koenfeld, Dr. Bernie Gutterman, Leonard Kaplan, Leonard Guyes, Herman Bernard, Ellis Berlin, Lewis Eisenstadt, Herman Blumenthal, and Albert Jacobson.



The Development Committee met in Charlotte. Front Row, Left to Right: Lee Blumenthal, Meg Goldstein, Sandy Deckelbaum; Back Row: Harry Swimmer, Audrey Madans, Al Herman, Herman Blumenthal, Mickey Gold, Linda Ashendorf, Vince Gallo, and Bruce Schlosberg.



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Meaning of the Election for American Jews

by Abraham H. Foxman

National Director of the Anti-Defamation League

American Jews, like most Americans, voted for change on November 3. Issues such as the economy, health care and the deficit drew the attention of American Jews as they did the entire public. When the candidates spoke to members of the community, we wanted to know where they stood on these themes that have such a profound impact on the quality of life in America. The Jewish vote reflected the belief that Bush had his chance to address these matters, and now it's Clinton's turn.

Of course, the community has its special concern as well, particularly that of Israel and the Arab-Israeli conflict. In this area, it remains to be seen how the new administration will play out.

Making predictions about where a candidate will go is difficult enough in a normal year. At best in the cases of Carter, whose national security advisor, Brzezinski, had written extensively on their plans for a comprehensive approach, and Reagan, whose strategic priorities were well-documented, there was a record to turn to. This year, however, there is but a scanty record, since Clinton was governor of a small state and since there is no one foreign policy advisor who has emerged to date. But, also there is so much that has changed that predictions become well nigh impossible.

After all, Clinton is jumping into a world where the cold war is over, where there are direct negotiations in progress between Arabs and Israelis, where American interests in the world have not yet been redefined.

While it is foolhardy to make predictions, it is useful to keep an eye on several elements early in the Clinton era as an indicator of his policies.

1. Clinton ran a campaign focusing on domestic issues; indeed no election in recent memory so played down foreign policy matters, but new Presidents have historically jumped right into Middle East issues—Nixon in 1969, Carter in 1977, Reagan in 1982—as a way to establish that they are not the low politician of the campaign but the leader of the free world, a statesman. Despite Clinton's promise to focus on the economy, it is worth watching

whether he will get engaged in Middle East issues or whether he will remain focused on domestic matters. Israel clearly would like U.S. involvement.

2. The President-elect's appointments, particularly at State, Defense, and any special Middle East envoy, are obviously crucial early decisions. The names most bandied about are former Carter officials—Christopher, Berger, Lake—all of whom participated in the policy which helped produce peace with Egypt as well as ongoing tensions between the Administration and the Begin government. Others sometimes mentioned for key roles—McCurdy, Solarz, Bradley—fall into the moderate Democratic category and their appointments would possibly point to stronger U.S.-Israel ties.

3. A potentially dangerous configuration of U.S. policies was developing in the latter days of the Bush Administration with the press to sell sophisticated aircraft to the Arabs, not as a strategic factor, but as a jobs program, together with a growing opposition to foreign aid. Keep an eye on the administration's determination to fight the proliferation of conventional and non-conventional weapons in the Middle East through leadership by example. And watch whether the new administration will help to generate an understanding in the post-cold war era that the key to moving peace forward is to make sure that Israel remains strong, that if Israel is perceived as weak, there is no incentive for Arab peace-making.

All in all, it is far too early to know where Clinton may go. Still there are good signs, including the massive Jewish support—political and financial—he received; the naming of Al Gore, a long-time friend of Israel, as Vice President; a very solid Democratic party platform; Clinton's grasp of the issues and the tenor of his reactions; and the fact that current U.S.-Israel relations are already doing well.

We as a community will urge the President to keep the U.S. involved and to recognize Israel's special qualities and needs. We see no reason not to be optimistic about the outcome.

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Gregory, Paulina Dunevitz and son Boris celebrate their first Chanukah in Israel. Thanks to UJA/Federation's Operation Exodus, they reached Israel from Belz, Moldavia. UJA Press Service Photo by Daron Bacher.

BACK COVER:

Galla and Anya Zeldinah of Gomel, former USSR, rescued from the toxic area around the Chernobyl nuclear reactor, try out their handmade chanukkiyot in preparation for their first Chanukah in Israel. The girls are part of the group of 527 Children of Chernobyl evacuated to Israel by Chabad Lubavitch to receive medical care in 1991.

Photo by Michael Freidin.

From the Editor

As we prepare for Chanukah, the historic festival of religious freedom, we are aware of our brethren around the world who are still being persecuted because they are Jewish. The best Chanukah gift we can give to ourselves and to our fellow Jews is a gift to the 1993 UJA/Federation Annual Campaign and Operation Exodus, thus "Ensuring Jewish Continuity."

A recent UJA brochure describes the 1993 Case for Giving as a "Window of Opportunity":

- On June 23, 1992, the people of Israel elected a government that has stated that it is reordering Israel's priorities and that, in the words of new Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, "except for matters of defense," the highest priority of the Government of Israel is to aid immigration and absorption within Israel's pre-1967 borders.

- The United States Government has begun to move toward helping Israel borrow additional sums for immigrant absorption at rates made more favorable by U.S. loan guarantees.

- The movement toward peace appears to have accelerated.

These factors have convinced many American Jewish leaders that, in the words of UJA National Chairman Joel D. Tauber, "A window of opportunity has opened through which the fresh air of peace is blowing, carrying with it renewed hope for a successful conclusion to the great challenge and opportunity of migration to Israel in our time." Already, more than 360,000 Soviet Jews have immigrated to Israel since July 1990; 17,500 have been brought in rescue flights from Ethiopia, and more than 1,000 others have been saved from the instability in Albania, Yugoslavia, the Central Asian republics, and other countries.

The "Case For Giving" this year is made even stronger by all these dramatic developments that encourage us to believe that humanitarian aid from American Jews is not only important, but crucial, for the dollars they provide, for the sense of support they communicate to the people of Israel, and for the valuable demonstration of American Jewish solidarity with Israel that these funds represent to the U.S. and other governments.

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Herman Blumenthal, Estelle Hoffman and I wish you and your family a *Chag Sameach Chanukah* and a peaceful, prosperous 1993!

Ruth Goldberg

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(first candle, Saturday night, Dec. 19)

Chanukah

by Estelle Hoffman

Chanukah occurs on the twenty-fifth day of the month of Kislev in the Jewish calendar, corresponding this year to the 20th of December. That is just about the day of fewest daylight hours in the year.

In the discussion of origins of Chanukah, Arthur Waskow points to this fact in *Seasons of Our Joy*. Modern psychology teaches that humans suffer from depression more in winter's darkness than at other times of the year. Ancient peoples must have recognized this effect, because there are records of pagan festivals held at the time of the new moon closest to the winter solstice, the year's "shortest day."

The element of light in such festivals is apparent, symbolizing the beginning of longer duration of sunlight with each day in the ensuing six months. Waskow asks if it may be more than coincidence that the Feast of Lights was set to occur at that time. Since the rededication of the Temple which had been defiled by the Greeks was celebrated by Jewish society which had by that time been greatly Hellenized, it is reasonable to believe that Jewish customs were influenced by the festivals of neighboring peoples.

It is intriguing to speculate, as does Waskow, that the date was chosen by the Syrian Greeks to defile the Temple, specifically because it was the time when they made annual sacrifices to honor the sun.

During the years that followed, the history of the triumphant Maccabees, headed by Mattathias, the Hasmonean priest, was recorded in what came to be known as the Books of the Maccabees, I and II. Those books survived in Greek, not in Hebrew, and were preserved by Jews who converted to Christianity who considered the books holy.

Our rabbis chose not to include I

and II Maccabees in the Bible, but they are the only record we have until the brief mention in the Gemara many centuries after the three years of warfare which occurred from 169 to 166 B.C.E. There we find the legend of the single vial of oil, enough for one day's burning, which burned for eight days on the altar during the celebration of rededication. It was ordered that the miracle was to be celebrated with thanksgiving, starting the following year, 165 B.C.E.

The priestly family of Maccabees made themselves kings, contrary to the ancient Israelite law that priests and kings must come from different tribes. Hasmonean kings invited the Roman Empire to be protectors of their kingdom, and they agreed with the Sadducees who promoted sacrifices as the way to God. The Pharisees believed that study of Torah and prayer were the path to God, and the rabbis upheld the Pharisaic tradition. It is understandable that the rabbis who wrote the Gemara gave short shrift to the Maccabees.

Chanukah was a holiday of minor importance until our own time. Human nature seems to change very little, and given the competition of Chanukah with the Christmas holi-

day of our surrounding culture, it requires only a small amount of imagination to entertain the view that the Festival of Lights, in its origin, enabled our ancestors to enjoy lighting their lamps concurrently with neighbors celebrating with their fires.

In any case, a joyous holiday which is celebrated for eight days is welcome, especially during drab days of winter. As we light the candles in our Menorahs this year, we should think about increasing the light in the world, as the period of sunlight begins to increase each day. We can do that with a quest for enlightenment through study, with light shed upon others by our understanding and helpfulness.

Tradition in the Kitchen

Chanukah Menu

Salmon Steaks

Potato Latkes

Apple Sauce, Sour Cream

Zucchini with Walnuts

Honey Nut Rugelach

Tea, Coffee



Chanukah Lamp by Michael Barr of Tucson, Ariz. Sterling silver and steel, 1992. On exhibit at National Museum of American Jewish History's Show and Sale, "Contemporary Artifacts 1992." Philadelphia, Pa. (until Jan. 3) Photo by Will Brown.

Salmon Steaks

Place six 1" salmon steaks in greased shallow baking dish. Melt 1/3 cup butter; add 1/2 tsp. salt, 1/4 tsp. paprika, 1 tsp. Worcestershire sauce; brush over salmon. Sprinkle each steak with 1 tsp. grated onion. Bake at 350° 25 to 30 minutes. Serves 6

Better Homes & Gardens

Potato Latkes

3 cups grated russet potatoes
2 eggs
salt & pepper
1 small onion, grated
2 Tbsp. flour

Grate potatoes coarsely. Lift liquid from surface. Add eggs, salt and pepper, flour and onion, if desired. Fry in heated oil about 1/4 inch deep in heavy frying pan. Drain on paper towels.

Zucchini with Walnuts

1/2 cup margarine
1/4 cup olive oil
2 lbs. zucchini, sliced 1/2" thick
3/4 cup green onions
1/2 tsp. salt
1/3 cup white wine
2 Tbsp. lemon juice
2 Tbsp. finely chopped dill
1-1/2 cup coarsely chopped walnuts

Combine margarine and olive oil. Saute onions and sliced zucchini. Add salt. Add wine and lemon juice. Add dill and simmer 5 minutes or less. Add the nuts. Toss lightly and serve hot.

Jewish Cookery from Boston to Baghdad, by Malvina W. Liebman

Honey Nut Rugelach

1 cup butter, softened
3 oz. cream cheese, softened
1 cup honey, divided as directed
2 cups flour
1 tsp. lemon juice
1 tsp. cinnamon
1 cup finely chopped walnuts
1/2 cup dried cherries or cranberries

Cream butter and cream cheese until fluffy. Add 3 tablespoons honey and mix well. Mix in flour until dough holds together. Form into a ball, wrap and refrigerate 2 hours or longer. Divide dough in 4; on a floured board roll each portion into a 9-inch circle. Combine 2 tablespoons honey and lemon juice; mix well. Brush dough with honey mixture; sprinkle 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon over entire surface. Combine walnuts and dried cherries; drizzle remaining honey over mixture and mix well. Spread 1/4 of walnut mixture onto circle of dough, stopping 1/2-inch from outer edge. Cut into 8 triangular pieces. Roll from wide outer edge toward tip. Gently bend both ends to form a crescent. Place on oiled parchment paper-lined baking sheet and refrigerate 20 minutes or longer. Repeat with remaining dough and filling. Bake at 350° 20 to 25 minutes or until golden brown.

Cool on racks. Makes 32 cookies.

Freezing Tip: For longer storage, package unfrozen crescents in freezer-safe container or bags and freeze until ready to bake.

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Honey Nut Rugelach Photo by National Honey Board

National & World News

Mazon Awards Grants to Hunger Agencies

Mazon: A Jewish Response to Hunger announced record grants of \$700,000 for the second half of 1992 to 94 non-profit agencies serving the hungry and homeless in the United States and abroad. The new allocations bring the total for the year to \$1.35 million, the largest sum granted since the organization was founded in 1986.

An additional grant of \$50,000 announced by Mazon Chairman Lee H. Javitch went to the Los Angeles-based International Medical Corps for an emergency program in Somalia—a therapeutic feeding program for severely malnourished children.

Mazon's latest grants will be given to emergency food assistance programs, food banks, advocacy groups for the poor, international hunger relief projects and multi-service

organizations that provide food, shelter and counseling.

Among the 94 grant recipients announced were two in North Carolina: Raleigh—\$5,000 to help purchase a refrigerated truck for the Food Bank of North Carolina that will enable the bank to provide more frozen food to its rural agencies. Raleigh—\$11,000 to the North Carolina Hunger Network to support the local phase of the national Community Childhood Hunger Identification (CCHIP) project in a state where 300,000 children live in poverty.

B'nai B'rith Women Outraged by Abortion-Holocaust Equation

B'nai B'rith Women (BBW) President Joan Kort expressed outrage at recent comparisons made by anti-choice groups between the Nazi Holocaust and abortion. Kort specifically referred to a button put out by a Kansas-based organization showing a Jewish Star of David, which reads: "I am a Survivor of the American Holocaust. Born after January 22, 1973."

"Comparisons between the Holocaust and abortions are appalling, insulting and inaccurate," said Kort, pointing out that BBW members are strong advocates for pro-choice legislation. "Anti-choice groups are exploiting an emotionally charged word associated with the mass extermination of six million Jews to sensationalize a political debate over abortion.

"Jews were massacred by the Nazi regime," Kort continued. "That's why we feel compelled to set the record straight and dispel any notion that a parallel exists between the systematic murder of millions of people and the ability of a woman to terminate a pregnancy."

The Holocaust, Kort explained, was the result of an official government campaign to murder all Jews. By contrast, abortion in America today is a matter of individual choice. The American government wages no mass extermination campaign against pregnant women or their fetuses.

Having an abortion, Kort adds, is fundamentally different from killing an already born human being. "When life begins," she said, "is a matter of opinion and belief, not fact. We do not believe that human life starts at the moment of conception. In the end, the women must choose what action to take, not the state."

The reason Nazis killed Jews also differs drastically from why women terminate pregnancies, Kort maintains. The Nazis viewed Jews as 'racially impure' and disposed of them in grotesque, brutal ways. A woman, on the other hand, chooses to end her pregnancy either because she is a rape or incest victim, or because she does not feel she could give a child the love and support it would require.

Kort said that they had no moral qualms about killing Jews, but women who consider abortions do struggle with the implications of such a decision. "BBW members believe in educating the public about reproductive issues so that we can reduce the number of unwanted pregnancies. Ironically, the same groups that oppose reproductive rights also oppose sex education in our public schools."

Comparisons between abortion and the Holocaust desecrate the memories of millions of men, women and children who died simply because they were Jews and trivialize the most brutal attempt to annihilate a 5,000 year-old culture in modern times.

Such comparisons are damaging because they distort people's perception of history—a distortion BBW is trying to correct through some of its programs, particularly one which will train high school educators how to teach about the Holocaust.

"The Holocaust-Abortion equation clouds, not clarifies, the freedom-of choice issue," Kort concludes. "Once again, it appears that anti-choice groups are more interested in inflaming the public's emotions than in engaging in real debate over women's reproductive choice."

Happy Chanukah!

From Sarajevo to a Safe Haven in Israel

by Simon Griver
UJA Press Service

On a warm fall day, Dr. Natasha Romano leans casually against a tree as her two young daughters try to out-distance each other on the swings. Suddenly, Natasha recoils as if struck by a fist and the children come to an abrupt halt on their swings. The three stare anxiously into the sky.

A harmless sonic boom is enough for Natasha and her children to brace themselves for bombs and bullets. Out of Sarajevo and in Israel only one week, they're still living with the horrors of war. . .the anticipation of the bullet that could rip their lives apart. They are already worn by the trauma. Natasha's husband, Zlatan, has been hospitalized with an ulcer and nervous exhaustion since he arrived in Israel.

"We stayed in Sarajevo until we could stand it no more," says Natasha. She continues, "We came away with 22 pounds of baggage each. We left behind two houses, two cars and all kinds of luxuries." After a pause, she adds, "But we were inflicting terrible psychological scars on our children, hiding from artillery fire in bomb shelters like scared rats. Here, my children are learning to smile again."

The Jewish Agency arranged for Natasha and her family to leave Sarajevo by bus for a Croatian port city; from there they were flown to Belgrade and then on to Israel. The Jewish Agency is funded by American Jews through United Jewish Appeal/Federation campaigns. Operation Exodus, a UJA/Federation campaign, is helping Israel absorb hundreds of thousands of new immigrants from the former Soviet Union.

The crisis in Yugoslavia has brought over 550 Jews to Israel, including 150 children who are living at Jewish Agency-funded Youth Aliyah villages. Natasha, who looks far more fashionable than war weary, says, "We are bitter about what has happened. But we feel lucky that as Jews we have the option of building new



Branca and Izo Romano with their two children, Maya and Mario, recently fled to Israel from Sarajevo. Photo by Paul Samson, UJA Press Service.

lives in Israel."

Although Izo Romano (No relation to Natasha Romano) shares Natasha's sentiments, he's trying on a Jewish identity for the first time. Romano says, "I must be candid and say that we hardly knew we were Jewish." Romano was largely shielded from the anti-Semitism his late parents knew all too well. During the World War II collaboration between the Croats and Nazis, Romano's father was transported to the Jasenovac concentration camp. The younger Romano remarks, "My father escaped but the rest of the family perished there."

Discussing the historic underpinnings of the conflict in Yugoslavia, Romano says, "The Serbs and Croats have always hated each other. This war will not blow over so easily." He continues, "As Jews, this is not our war. We are neither Serbs, Croats nor Moslems. I was not prepared to fight for any of the para-military groups in Bosnia, but I would be prepared to join the Israeli Army."

With a long sigh, Romano says that despite his parents' experiences during the Holocaust, his generation was proud to be Yugoslavians. He adds, "Now we must build new lives and learn to be proud Jews and Israelis."

North Carolina Blumenthal Performing Arts Center Opens Charlotte, N.C.

The North Carolina Performing Arts Center in Charlotte held its gala opening November 20 and 21 with performances by the Charlotte Symphony Orchestra, Patti LuPone, Roberta Flack, Billy Taylor Trio, Charles Kuralt, Loonis McGlohan, Gary Collins, Charlotte Contemporary Ensemble and the Charlotte Choral Society.

Judith Allen, executive director of the Performing Arts Center, said that the opening of the Center was the culmination of a dream that has been fifteen years in the making. The Center is housed in the new NationsBank Corporation building at the corner of Trade and North Tryon Streets in uptown Charlotte. The architect was the internationally-renowned firm of Cesar Pelli & Associates of New Haven, Conn.

The Performing Arts Center's 200,000 square feet of space contains three theaters, a rehearsal studio, a host of dressing rooms, reception rooms and technical spaces.

The Belk Theater

The largest of the theaters is the 2100-seat Belk Theater with a contemporary European horseshoe design, intimate atmosphere and world-class acoustics. The Belk Theater is a state-of-the-art facility with four lev-

els of seating and three tiers of boxes and can boast that the most distant seat from the stage is less than 135 feet. State-of-the-art equipment, production and support capabilities will afford the theater the opportunity to host any production from Grand Opera to "rock and pop." A hallmark of the theater's design is some 2,400 "points" of light in the audience chamber, part of a dazzling fiber optic network with multi-color capabilities. The Belk Theater will be home to the Charlotte Symphony Orchestra, Opera Carolina, Charlotte Choral Society, Oratorio Singers, Community Concerts and North Carolina Dance Theater, as well as hosting the Performing Arts Center's Broadway Lights Series, World of Stars Series, Family and Children's programs.

The Booth Playhouse

The second of the Center's theaters is the 436-seat Booth Playhouse—a courtyard-style proscenium theater with cabaret and theater-in-the-round capabilities. This intimate theater will host Charlotte Repertory Theater, North Carolina Dance Theater, Charlotte Choral Society Festival Singers and the Oratorio Singers Chamber Chorus. The Playhouse will also be used by area students interested in the performing arts.

The Studio Theater

With its entrance on College Street, the smallest of the Center's theaters—the Studio Theater—is a multi-purpose performance and rehearsal space which can be used for recep-

tions and meetings. This special theater will host Charlotte Repertory Theater's New Play Festival and Playworks Series, and will become a performance space for students in our community.

Studio A, a very special small performance space, is suitable for rehearsals, dance recitals and as classroom space for the area schools.

Center-Light

The extraordinary glass sculpture in the Center's lobby was designed by Mary Shaffer. CENTER-LIGHT was conceived as a collaboration between architect and artist. The architect has used spaces within the colonnets on the face of the building. The artist has placed bronze bands that appear to float in mid-air suspended by the transparency of the glass. Center-Light is made up of glass, bronze and fiber optics, and symbolizes strength and independence. It was commissioned by the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Art Commission for the citizens of Charlotte.

Fun Facts

The Performing Arts Center is large enough to hold seventy medium size houses, is seven stories high and extends the length of a football field!

The Center's fiber optic cable could reach from Charlotte to High Point, N.C., and has the electrical capacity that can run 917 hairdryers at the same time!

The Center has 350 doors, 2,000 light fixtures, 2,400 fiber optics lights, 420,000 bricks, and 350 loudspeakers!



Interior view of The Belk Theater.
Photo by Joan Sieburg-Baker.



Exterior view of the North Carolina Blumenthal Performing Arts Center.

Roaming the Past with David Schulman



I have an eclectic assortment of photos taped to my file cabinets next to my word processor. Three of those pictures are of black women very crucial to my life. These are women I loved very much, but not as lovers. These pictures are of black women that not only worked and cared for our family and home in my childhood; they are examples of wondrous relationships that existed and the discussion of which is becoming extinct due to our "politically correct" society.

One picture is of Josephine Williams and myself. She is holding me, a fat three-month old. I can see my Mother chasing after my older brother, Herbert, in the background. Dad tells me that Josephine was at least sixty-five when she came to help Mom right after I was born. She also came to help when Herbert was born six years earlier. "You were precious cargo," Dad says. "She came over from Asheville and stayed with us for three months." Of course, I don't have any cognizant memory of Josephine but as you can see in the picture, she and I looked just hunky dory together. I am sure somewhere in my brain's computer bank Josephine's file sits.

Mollie (name changed) worked for us when I was in kindergarten, but I was so fond of Mollie I didn't want to go to any kid school. I quit after two weeks. What a "shandeh!" A kindergarten drop out! My days with Mollie were worth it.

As soon as I heard the basement door shut every morning, off I ran to meet Mollie. She would always say, "Gimme sum suger," each morning and each afternoon as she left and plant a big fat juicy kiss on me. She was short so I related to her well at four. I don't know whether she was my teddy bear or I was hers. When I got sick, Mollie would read comic books to me as I lay in bed. Mom

always said Mollie would fluff my pillows so high I looked like King Tut in all his splendor. It indicated just as spoiled, I presume.

Somewhere in this scenario, Mollie's personality was dramatically altered by a traveling evangelist. At first, my parents didn't quite believe me when I told them. Mollie would be reading Archie and Veronica to me when suddenly somewhere between Jughead's antics and the principal's office, Mollie would start loudly praising the Lord. Waving her arms wildly in the air, she prayed for redemption. Then just as suddenly she returned to reading Archie. Ratting on someone you love is never easy, and this created a dilemma for me. Besides, maybe Mollie was really an angel telling me to clean up my act and clean my plate, too. Mollie said the Lord was in her soul. I always have believed her.

Mollie left our employ soon afterwards and moved out of state. That was my first bout with depression. I hated to see Mollie go. I thought no one would ever replace her. We tried several applicants. One short term replacement seemed to have "borrowed" our tallits from the house and was seen wearing them as scarves. Another girl whom I was starting to become attached to left for the weekend one Friday and was tragically killed in a car wreck on Saturday. For this kid, separation anxiety was an understatement.

Then one day about thirty-nine years ago, Mary Walton came to work. She's still there working for my Dad. Mom's gone, Herbert and I have both married and moved out, but Mary never left. During all these years, Mary also became a preacher. There must be something about the Schulmans that drives people to God. Mary's tough love sort of scared me at first, but underneath that exterior, I found love in the way God must have

meant it to be. I don't think there is anything my brother and I could ever do to break her love for us and vice versa. Not our teenage years, not the college years, not anything.

In my early twenties, I hit a mental ditch. A clinical depression ravaged my entire being. I was not so nice to look at or be around. Some days I could hardly force myself out of bed. I talked to almost no one. Silence was all I wanted. On those days, Mary would come to work and we might say three whole words to each other all day. That was okay with her. Even my half self was acceptable. She knew when I felt like it I would talk, and however long that took was not a bother to her. Mary used to watch "Days of Our Lives" in our living room. From two to four as I lay almost comatose on our worn brocade couch near the television, I always knew Mary was near. A non-judgmental security I desperately needed.

When I married for the first time, Mary flew with Mom and Dad to the wedding in New York. Mom was already under siege by the brutal attacks of Parkinson's and Alzheimer's diseases. My bride-to-be and I stood at the end of a ramp at LaGuardia and waited for the plane to arrive from North Carolina. Off came Dad hold-



Josephine Williams holding baby David Schulman.

ing one of Mom's arms. On the other arm was Mary Walton.

I hated to tell Mary years later that Nancy and I were divorcing. She simply said, "Son, you gotta go on now, you just gotta go on now, you just gotta go on." It was hard, but with Mary behind me how could I fail?

Mary can tell the state of my well being with a two-second look into my eyes. She doesn't need a battery of psychological tests or second opinions. "Somethin's botherin' David," she would tell my folks. Always one hundred percent accuracy!

Last Christmas morning, Denissa, my wonderful wife I found after "goin' on now," our two children and I went to visit Mary at her house—a surprise visit. I don't see Mary very often now. We walked up the bank, and Mary came out almost screaming. "Charles," she said to her husband, "I don't believe it, I don't believe it." King Tut was back.

"Driving Miss Daisy" had a lot to say about simple relationships. It also had a lot to say about the importance of black people in Jewish families. I hear it from a lot of people. The names are different, but the scenes are the same. Black men and women in non-executive jobs, for sure, but black men and women intertwined in the lives of many with the tightest knot possible. I cannot imagine how poor the lives of the Schulmans would have been and would be now without the Mollies and the Marys. Their gifts to us never made them millionaires, but I hope deep down they know that they have been able to give what some millionaires only dream of. Tonight Mary will fix my eighty-year-old father supper and go home tired; the jobs of angels are not easy.

In my limited space, I have not even told you about Gene Alston, the black man who "carried me round town" in our gold 1956 Buick called the "golden chariot." He deserves an entire column at a later date.

For some inane reason, when I was a small child, I always wanted to be a garbage collector when I grew up. I suppose riding with one hand holding onto the back of a truck looked like fun. Writers are garbage collec-

tors as we sift through what people throw away trying to retrieve what is valuable. The days I speak of before the emergence of pervasive civil rights surely had much very wrong with them. Yet, they had much very right in them, too. In the days of trying to be politically, morally and environmentally correct, we have lost something valuable. Walt Whitman said that there are some truths only true in the Midwest. Maybe there are some truths only true in the 1950s.

Good night, Mollie, wherever you are. Your teddy bear still misses you.

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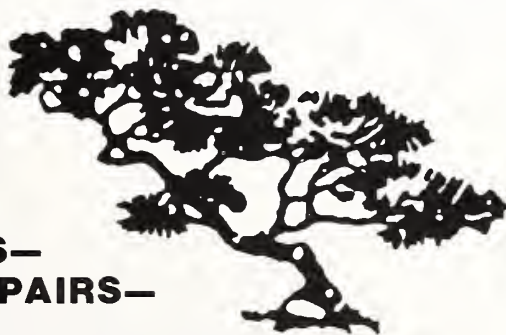
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Kibbitzing—Community News

Temples

Temple Beth El Charlotte, N.C.

by Lynne Cojac

Our December calendar is a blend of activities that reflect Jewish life—family, education, community, the sharing of food, celebrations, and life cycle events:

Dec. 4—the Family Service and Shabbat Dinner will be hosted by the first and sixth graders at Religious School. The first and sixth grade parents have arranged for a catered dinner which will be followed by Shabbat Services conducted by the children.

Dec. 6—The debut performance of the Joint Youth Choir of Temple Beth El and Temple Israel will take place at one o'clock at the Festival of Trees and Lights at the Apparel Center.

Dec. 9—the Annual Joint Sisterhood Meeting of Temple Israel and Temple Beth El will take place at Temple Beth El at 7:30 p.m. It will feature a Book Review with a Jewish Flavor by Gladys Lavitan in honor of Jewish Book Month.

Dec. 9-18—the Chanukah Sale at the new Temple Beth El Judaica Shop will be held daily from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and on Wednesdays (Dec. 9 & 16) until 8 p.m. Regular hours are Thursdays from 12-3 p.m. and as requested.

Dec. 13—the wedding of Susan Blumberg to Eric Wiseman.

Dec. 18—the Sisterhood Family Chanukah Dinner will take place at 6 p.m. followed by services at 8:00. Call Seena Binder for further information and reservations, (704) 541-8050.

Dec. 26—the Social Club's Annual Chanukah Party will be at Raintree Country Club. Hors d'oeuvres, buffet dinner and entertainment will be part of the evening's fun.

The Interfaith Community Thanksgiving Day Service was held at Temple Beth El on Nov. 25.

Middle East Expert to be 1993 I.D. Blumenthal Memorial Scholar-in-Residence

Temple Israel, Charlotte, N.C., Jan. 22-24

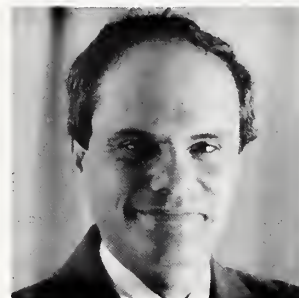
by Cynthia Chapman

Dr. Kenneth Stein, a leading authority on the history of modern Israel, the Arab-Israeli conflict, and modern Arab politics, will be this year's speaker at the annual I.D. Blumenthal Memorial Scholar-in-Residence program which will be held January 22-24, 1993 as part of Temple Israel's People Power Weekend in Charlotte.

Dr. Stein is an associate professor of Near Eastern history and political science at Emory University and the Middle East Fellow of the Carter Center. Dr. Stein established the International Studies Center while at Emory University, was the first director of the Carter Center, and since 1982 has served as President Carter's primary advisor on Middle Eastern affairs. In 1992 he became the director of the newly established Middle East Research Program at Emory. Stein is known for his skills as a writer and lecturer as well.

He is a prolific article writer and is known for his books on the Middle East. His books include *The Land Question in Palestine, 1917-1939*, *The Blood of Abraham: Insights into the Middle East* (in collaboration with President Carter) and *Making Peace Among Arabs and Israelis: Lessons from Fifty Years of Negotiating Experience*. The last publication became a guideline for the most recent negotiations. In March, August and November of 1992 he visited Israel and several Arab states in connection with work on his current book.

Each year the Scholar-in-Residence program enriches the Charlotte Jewish community by bringing in a renowned person with expertise in an area of Jewish interest. The program offers people throughout the region a chance to hear an excellent speaker and expert



Dr. Kenneth
Stein
Emory
University

close to home.

Dr. Stein will be discussing aspects of the Mideast and will be welcomed enthusiastically, no doubt, by anyone who has heard him speak in the past at Temple Israel or Wildacres. The program will follow the usual format of People Power Weekend. Dr. Stein will be featured in the Friday evening activities, again on Saturday, and will round out the weekend's activities on Sunday morning. Program details can be obtained from Temple Israel, (704) 362-2796.

Hickory Jewish Center/ Temple Beth Shalom Hickory, N.C.

by Terri Sullivan

The Hickory Jewish community and Temple Beth Shalom are alive and well! We have obtained the services of Howard Cohen, a Reconstructionist Rabbinical student from Philadelphia, for 1992-93. Howard will be coming to Hickory once a month for Shabbat Services, Adult Education and classes for our Sunday School, which this year includes 26 children. He will also be assisting with our new post Bar/Bat Mitzvah Teen Group led by Marc Stammer. This new group will be involved in Synagogue activities while still offering some special hikes, trips, discussions, etc. just for them.

Temple Beth Shalom participated in Hickory's Octoberfest this year with a booth selling hot dogs, corned beef and all the trimmings. The Sisterhood also held a yearly yard sale with everyone's trash and treasures netting us a nice sum. These two annual events keep us visible in the community—but more importantly, draw us closer together as a group as we work, argue and laugh a lot in the process.

There were far too many people involved to name them all. But just to say thanks to a few: to Ron Berndt and Bob Friedman for their organizational skills and of course, to all the hard workers in the booth at Octoberfest. Thanks for our yard sale success goes to all the workers and contributors, to Barbara and Marty Kallman for the use of their carport/yard sale locale, to all the Sisterhood members who came early and stayed late and to all the talented bakers who donated delicious sweets which helped lure interested buyers to our sale.

Our High Holiday Services this year were led by Rabbi Ted Gordon and, as always, we greatly enjoyed having him and his wife Florence with us. We look forward to having them here again next year.

This coming year will be an important one for many families in our community. For the first time ever, we will be celebrating a record five Bar/Bat Mitzvahs within the year! There is a lot of Haftarah studying going on in Sunday School and at home. This past summer we celebrated the Bat Mitzvah of Sandra Powell from Morganton. She did a wonderful job and paved the way for the next five.

Our Board of Directors under the leadership of Mike Bauman, synagogue president, is keeping busy as always. We are hopeful of being able to host another concert sometime in the near future. We held a Klezmer concert last spring and especially enjoyed having some of you from neighboring communities join us that night. We look forward to greeting even more new friends at any future concerts. We'll be in touch!

Beth Israel Synagogue Asheville, N.C.

by Lillian R. Wellisch

Mazel Tov to Lauren Braun and Amos Gaynes who became B'nai Mitzvah in August. Each led prayers, read from the Torah and taught the congregation through a D'Var Torah.

Congratulations to Daniel Dunn who made the Dean's List at UNC-Chapel Hill for the spring semester. Welcome to our newest members: David and Alison Berkey and Andrea, Jonah, and Emma; Barry and Linda Brandt and Alexander; Roy and Sandy Buskirk and Ryan and Rachel; Mrs. Miki Cohn; Dr. Gil and Elizabeth Echelman and Philip; Larry Geiger; Harry Goldberg and Ian and Benjamin; Arthur and Alice Green; Steve and Terry Haney and Janet and Jonathan; Mrs. Mildred Jaffe; Terry and Laura Knight and Kyle; Barry and Evelyn Landsberg; Diana Lieb; Drs. Stewart and Karen Levine; Martin Mechanic and Bo and Avi; Neal and Melissa Overton and Sara; David and Denissa Schulman and Stephanie and Nathan; Morris and Sonja Shulimson; Raymond and Murri Simonetti; and Carroll and Golda Trantham and Samuel and Fredrich.

Mazel Tov to Dr. and Mrs. Eric Wellisch on the engagement of their son, Dan, of Glendale Heights, Ill., to Julie Sharpe, of Glenview, Ill. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Burton Sharpe of Northbrook, Ill.

The Social Action Committee of the Synagogue is busy planning activities for the year; Richard Harrison is in charge.

Religious School

In Bet Sefer news, Barbara Miller, Laurie Chess and Debi Miles report the following faculty for the year: Preschool & Kindergarten—Beth Reiser, Ann Kimmel, Marina Fridlyand; Resource Person, Sandy Buskirk
First & Second Grades—Melissa Overton & Sandy Buskirk; Resource Person, Sara Birnham
Third & Fourth Grades—Daya Laufer & David Friedman; Resource Person, Sara Birnham
Fifth & Sixth Grades—Caren Kessler & Laura Knight; Resource Person, Barbara Lewin

Pre Bar & Bat Mitzvah—Bob Deutsch; Resource Person, Carol Deutsch
Music, Hebrew & Jr. Congregation—Geoff Brown
Torah Talk—Rabbi Shmuel Birnham

Adult Education

The Adult Education Committee has formulated exciting plans for this year. Programs which will be offered this year include:

- A Shabbat Retreat
- Jewish Film Showings (including *Wedding in Galilee*)
- Scholar-in-Residence
- Shavuot
- Hebrew for Adults (learning to decode Hebrew, learning to read the songs and prayers in the Friday night services, becoming familiar with the Saturday morning services)
- Synagogue Skills (including learning to read Torah, learning to read Haftarah, learning the different parts of the Torah service such as Aliyot, Hagba

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(lifting), G'Lilah (wrapping), and giving a D'Var Torah (reflections on the Torah readings)

- The Philosophy and Meaning of Jewish Prayer
- Learning the Celebration of Shabbat at Home on Friday Nights
- Continuation of the Adult Bar and Bat Mitzvah Class
- Intergenerational Activities

The Sisterhood

Sisterhood officers for 1992-93 are headed by a Presidium. They are listed together with other members of the Executive Committee. Presidium—Barbara Laibson (Holidays, Oneg Shabbats and Gift Shop); Deborah Neimkin (Administrative, Sunday School Liaison, USY Liaison, Membership, Kitchen); and Muriel Gelbert (Programs, Fundraising, Torah Fund and Publicity). The recording secretary is Beatrice Gullotta; the corresponding secretary is Lyn Dunn; and the Treasurer is Hilda Ehrlich.

Temple Beth ha-Tephila Asheville, N.C.

by Marjorie Schachter

The Saturday Friendship Circle

The group held its second meeting of the season on Oct. 3. Led by Rabbi Robert Ratner, it continued its consideration of Eugene Borowitz's *Liberal Judaism*. Chapters 1, 2 and 3 were covered, with special emphasis on Chapter 3, entitled "Are the Jews Chosen?"

The Sisterhood

Again this year, Sisterhood arranged the Yom Kippur Break-the-Fast. The event, arranged by Ruth Weber and Rose Rose, was especially well attended and much enjoyed.

Cindy Vanderwart and Mary Ann Jaben were welcomed as new members.

Sisterhood President Irene Braun thanked Scott and Brenda Lebensburger for sponsoring the special Oneg and reception on September 11 in honor of Rabbi Robert and Susan Ratner and their children.

The Brotherhood

Saying, "We value the input from all members of the Brotherhood," Presi-

dent Les Schachter reminded the men of the congregation that they're all welcome at the monthly meetings whether they're board members or not.

At the Brotherhood Brunch on Oct. 18, Dr. William Sabo of UNCA spoke on "Politics '92."

Sidney Schochet, Temple chairman of the Jewish Chautauqua Society, has done it again. The letter to Sidney from the J.C.S. says, "*Congratulations!* You have been awarded the Harold W. Dubinsky Kiddish Cup Award as outstanding JCS chairman and best fundraiser in the *small class* category." Everyone, including Sidney himself, has lost track of the number of times he's won this award. Happily, there's no end in sight.

Yom Kippur Services

The most solemn Holy Day of the year was observed in the traditional manner, with Kol Nidrei sung in the sanctuary in the evening, and services the following morning.

The Rabbi thanked Ginger Lerner for her gift of the handsome white holiday pulpit flowers, given in memory of her husband Dr. Paul Lerner. He also thanked Temple secretary Barbara Jarmel, custodian Edward Wiley; music director and organist Jean Valerio and her choir for their efforts on behalf of the Temple; and Dr. Stanley Marks for so ably leading the corps of ushers.

The Constance Head Study Hour, established in memory of Dr. Head, a convert to Judaism, is a Temple tradition. At this year's session, the subject was Jewish poetry. Dr. Richard Chess, poet and professor of literature at UNCA, was discussion leader.

Children's services in the sanctuary started at 2:45 p.m. The end of the service was signalled by a mighty blast on the shofar by Dick Braun.

The Religious School

School principal Jean Hansman thanked Marilyn and Buddy Patton for their "magnificent gift of a beautiful miniature Ark. . .originally given to Harry Blomberg by Rabbi Unger and now come home to us."

The Rabbi Afield

To his teaching schedule at UNCA, the Rabbi added a series of monthly

lectures at Mars Hill College. The first, on Nov. 6, was incorporated in Friday evening services at Beth ha-Tephila, with students chosen by the philosophy department taking part in the service.

The second and third lectures were concerned with the topic, "Why do bad things happen to good people?" The next three lectures, focusing on Israel, are called "Israel and the Middle East," "Israel and Anti-Semitism," and "Israel and the United States."

In October Rabbi Ratner also attended the Advisory Board meeting for the Center of Jewish Studies at UNCA, the dedication of the Laurel Forum, which is a new meeting space at UNCA, the JCC meeting, and a "What's New at UNCA" meeting.

Special thanks were extended to Frank and Ellen Gilreath for being hosts of the September get-together which gave the group the opportunity of meeting our new Rabbi and his wife Susan.

Lunch with the Rabbi

The '92-'93 series of brown-bag *Lunches with the Rabbi*, featuring free-wheeling discussion of current issues, began on Oct. 26. Among other things, the possible effects of the presidential election were touched upon, as were the dangers to Jewish life of insidious Christian evangelical efforts.

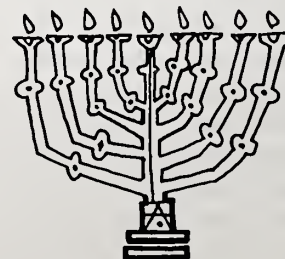
Subsequent Lunches are scheduled for the fourth Monday of each month.

United Nations Day

In observance of U.N. Day, Rabbi Ratner invited Dr. John Fobes to speak to the congregation on Friday evening, Oct. 23. Dr. Fobes is president of W.N.C. United Nations Association. His topic was "The Future of the United Nations."

Warm Greetings

A happy hello from all to new members Bernard and Marilyn Schwartz.



Reminiscences of the Early Jewish Community of Charlotte, N.C.

by Minnie Sutker

(This speech was given at Friday evening services, Sept. 11, 1992, during the Dedication Weekend of the new Temple Israel building at Shalom Park, Charlotte.)

I have been asked to give you a little of the early history of our synagogue, and what it was like growing up in Charlotte.

Just look where we are—in this magnificent building. I stand on this *Bimah* in sheer awe. I can't believe this has happened in my lifetime.

It all began due to the strength of the men and women of long ago. New to this country, struggling to support their families, with no help from anyone. But, the love of their religion and the desire to have their children learn of their heritage were the overpowering influence which made it all possible.

Please forgive me for mentioning my family from time to time, but those are the stories I know best and our lives (as well as the other families here) were so closely interwoven with our congregational life.

My father, Benjamin David Silverstein, came to Charlotte in 1893. My mother remained in Poland and came a few years later. I don't know how many Jewish families were here at that time or any of the names, other than Mr. and Mrs. Harris Miller and their family, who had come six months prior to my father.

The only members of the Miller family now living in Charlotte are granddaughter, Shirley Sideman, married to Morton Silverstein and their family, and the Miller's great grandson, Leland Fuerstman whose wife Marlene is musical soloist at Temple Israel, and their family.

The members of the Silverstein family now living here are daughter, Minnie (me), widow of Nathan Sutker, and our family; daughter-in-law, Hushie, widow of son Isadore, and their family; granddaughter, Barbara Bazar, married to Jerry Levin, and their family. Mr. Miller was the first president of our congregation, and my father was the second president.

I think you might enjoy hearing about the two men, searching for Jewish families who might be interested in moving to Charlotte. Since Wilmington had a fairly large Jewish community, my father and Mr. Miller's nephew, Abe Block, got on their bicycles and rode the 200 miles to Wilmington, stopping in Hamlet, N.C., to sleep overnight. It must have been a very bumpy ride, as it was many years later until North Carolina had good roads.

Their trip was successful. Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Paul and their family, which included Mr. and Mrs. Michal Kirschbaum, moved to Charlotte. The Pauls had two daughters and four sons, so you can see how that helped the *minyan* problem. Mr. Kirschbaum opened Charlotte's first fur shop, and Mr. Paul opened a candy store. Not too many years later, that's where most of my pennies were spent.

Their son, David Paul, was Charlotte's first Jewish attorney. He was quite successful, but when he ran for city council, he was defeated. Charlotte wasn't ready for a Jew who was also a republican. At that time, there were very few republicans in Charlotte. He later moved to Washington, D.C., but not before serving as president of our congregation. Mr. Kirschbaum also served as superintendent of our religious school for many years.

Some years later, Mr. Max Kahn, father of Gladys Lavitan, was elected and served on the city council.

In 1895, the families of Orthodox leanings organized and were chartered under the name of Agudith Achim. So our congregation is now 97 years old and looking forward to its 100th birthday. It's going to be a gala affair, so start planning.

Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services and *minyans* were held in store lofts—there were several, but I seem to remember the one over a

drug store on the corner of Tryon and Fifth Streets. The Torah was kept in a secluded closet in the Miller home.

In 1910, my brother, Louis, was the first Bar Mitzvah. He was taught by the *Shochet* and my father obtained the Rabbi from Goldsboro to conduct the service.

That same year, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Roth, parents of Lena Roth Berlin, Morris and Ike Roth, were the first couple in the congregation to be married. Mr. Roth was our treasurer for many years.

In 1911, my sister, Ida, was married to Morris Stadiem of Greensboro, in O'Donohue Hall. The priest knew my three sisters, Ida, Sarah Sherry and Margie Bazar due to the fact that they took music lessons from the sisters. He came to my mother and told her that they would be pleased to have the wedding take place in O'Donohue Hall since we had no synagogue at the time; since it was part of the educational building of the Catholic church, she accepted. I understand it was quite an affair. Guests came from everywhere, including the groom's relatives from England, and it was talked about for months. I guess it was partly because of where it was held, and partly because the food was so good. It was kosher, and everything was prepared by my mother. I'm still wondering how she accomplished it.

In the early part of the 20th century, Jewish families were slowly moving to Charlotte. Among them were Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Smith and family, grandparents of Gerald and Benjamin Sinkoe. It seems that Mr. Smith, Dr. Sam Levy (our first Jewish dentist) and my father were talking one day when they decided that it was time to start thinking of building a *shul*. They immediately started looking for a piece of property, and selected a small lot on West Seventh Street. This

was in 1913, with a membership of less than 35 families. Our synagogue was built in 1916, on that lot. The name was translated, so we became Hebrew United Brotherhood and Dr. Sam Levy became president. The building lacked many things, but we were very proud of it, as we wondered if the pews would ever be filled and the mortgage paid off. The first wedding held there was that of Molly Miller and Abe Lefkowitz.

In 1917, our sisterhood (known as Hebrew Ladies Auxiliary) was organized with Mrs. Rafe Malever, mother of Hilda Malever Kirsner, as our first president. Mrs. Malever soon had the teenage girls selling miniature bricks to raise money for the building fund. Over the years, there were many auctions held, shares sold, and all manner of fund raising affairs.

My mother said that our one Torah was lonesome and we had to have a second one. So with the help of Mrs. Benjamin Davis (grandmother of Harvey Diamond), they raised enough to purchase another Torah. My mother and dad went to New York to purchase it and to carry it safely home on the train.

Other Jewish families who lived in Charlotte at the time the synagogue was built were: Mr. and Mrs. Sam Fligel and family; Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Katzen and family; Mr. and Mrs. M. Kaufman and family; Dr. Louis Levy; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Miller and family; Mr. and Mrs. S. Miller and family; Mr. and Mrs. Herman Neiman and family; Mr. and Mrs. T. Nelson and family; Mr. and Mrs. A. Pittle and family; Mr. and Mrs. Israel Schwartz and family; Mr. Sam Schwartz; Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Silverstein; Mr. E. I. Sinkoe; Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Steinberg and family; Mr. and Mrs. Sam White and family; Mr. and Mrs. A. Usilowitz and family.

In the '20s and '30s, our congregation grew, our pews were filled, and our mortgage was cleared. Families living in surrounding towns brought their children in for religious school on Sunday, and brought the boys back once or twice a week to prepare for Bar Mitzvah. Some of those boys, now men, are living in Charlotte with families, and are among the outstand-

ing members of our congregation. I was privileged to teach some of them. Like Sam and Leonard Strause from Fort Mill, S.C.; Alvin, Leon and Sherman Levine from Rockingham, N.C.; Lewis Levine from Hamlet, N.C.

In the '40s our name was changed from Hebrew United Brotherhood to Temple Israel, and during the '40s we affiliated with the conservative branch of Judaism. We began planning for a larger and, of course, a more beautiful structure. (The Dilworth Road temple, dedicated in 1949)

No history of our congregation is complete without the name of I.D. Blumenthal. He came to Charlotte from Savannah in 1924, and immediately became an interested and dedicated member. He was a forceful and innovative president for twelve (12) years, and he was responsible for the hiring of Rabbi William Greenberg, our beloved spiritual leader from 1931 through 1940.

As for my growing up years in Charlotte, I had a very happy childhood, in a loving family, and a home that always was open to not only friends but strangers as well. As I look around and see what a wonderful life these beautiful children are enjoying today, both educationally and socially, I realize now that things were not that great for my generation, but our teenage days were fun. The boys, in their late teens, organized the progressive club and put out a monthly paper called "Progressing" with chief editor, Isadore Silverstein. They sponsored the dances which were attended by singles throughout the state and we, in turn, attended the dances held in their cities, (that's the only way we could have had dances, with so few Jewish families in North Carolina).

I'm grateful that I was born and reared in Charlotte. I truly love this city, and I hope that you feel the same, as we enjoy this dedication weekend, and look forward to sharing many more *simchas* together.

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Personals



Mrs. David Barton Laibstain

Laibstain-Kittner Wedding Norfolk, Va.

Jody Sue Kittner and David Barton Laibstain were united in marriage on Oct. 31 in a 7:30 p.m. ceremony at Congregation Beth El, Norfolk, Va.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Hirsch Kittner of Welton, N.C. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Laibstain of Norfolk, Va.

Rabbi Arthur Ruberg and Rabbi Geoffrey Huntting, cousin of the bride, of Los Angeles, Calif., conducted the double-ring, candlelight ceremony. A program of wedding music was provided by Barbara Chapman, harpist.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. Mrs. Lisa Latham of Emporia, Va., and Miss Rhoda Kittner of Greenville served as honor attendants for their sister. Flower girls were Amy Tabakin of Virginia Beach, Va., and Abigail Werner of Norfolk, Va.

Jeffrey Laibstain served as his cousin's best man. Groomsmen were Daniel Caplan of Bethesda, Md.; Billy Latham of Emporia, Va.; and Dr. Eric Werner of Norfolk, Va.

The mistress of ceremonies was Miss Helen Frank of Rockville, Md.

The bride's parents entertained with a reception at the Holiday Inn, Executive Center, Virginia Beach, Va. Music for the occasion was provided by Chris and Jean of Virginia Beach, Va.

Mrs. Laibstain is a 1980 graduate of the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. She is the regional manager of Copytron of Norfolk, Va.

Mr. Laibstain is a 1978 graduate of George Washington University, Washington, D.C. He is part-owner of Virginia Furniture Company of Norfolk, Va.

Joanne Bluethenthal Honored by NCCJ in Greensboro

(Reprinted from *The Federation News*, Greensboro, N.C., Nov. 1992)

Joanne Bluethenthal, past president of the Greensboro Jewish Federation, has been selected by the board of the National Conference of Christians and Jews as the recipient of the NCCJ Annual Brotherhood Citation Award. The award was presented on Oct. 26 at a dinner at the Holiday Inn, Four Seasons.

The criteria for selection are that honorees must have made a significant contribution in improving the quality of life for all citizens of Greensboro. The individual exemplifies the ideals of NCCJ in promoting better understanding and acceptance between persons of different groups, races, religions and nationalities. Honorees care about all people and express that concern in their lives.

Joanne Bluethenthal was honored for her active involvement throughout her lifetime as a community volunteer and especially for her commitment to quality public education for all children through her work as a member of the Greensboro City School Board.

In addition to serving as president of the Greensboro Jewish Federation, Bluethenthal served as president of the Greensboro Section of the National Council of Jewish Women, United Day Care Services, Women's Cabinet and the Eastern Music Festival. She has been actively involved

most recently as a member of the Federation board of trustees, Greensboro Public School Excellence Fund and the board of the Foundation of Greater Greensboro.

Past honorees from the Greensboro Jewish community have included Caesar Cone, Stanley Frank, Sidney LeBauer, Arnold Schiffman and Leah Tannenbaum.

Organizations

Charlotte Chapter of Hadassah

by Helene M. Judd

Donor Dinner

"Gals. . .Bring your Guys!"

Come share with us Hadassah's first Donor Dinner to be held Sunday, Dec. 13 at 6:30 p.m. at Temple Beth El. To be eligible to attend, members must pledge a minimum donation of \$36.

The evening includes hors d'oeuvres, wine, complete dinner and entertainment. Cost per person is \$12.50. Reservation checks, payable to Hadassah, should be sent to Vivian Mallins, c/o Temple Beth El, P.O. Box 13400, Charlotte, N.C. 28270.

JNF Trees

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The Female A-Gender Charlotte, N.C.

The First Annual Jewish Women's Retreat will be held Jan. 16 and 17, 1993 at the Embassy Suites Hotel in

Charlotte, sponsored by Crown City chapter of Women's American ORT.

This will be a weekend designed with you in mind. Take time out away from it all. Enjoy guest speakers covering a wide range of topics, with the *focus on women*.

The program starts on Saturday, Jan. 16 at 7:30 p.m. with Havdalah service, followed by a Lingerie Fashion Show, Dessert Party and Midnight Swim.

On Sunday morning, we will start with a fantastic breakfast buffet and then hear all about: "Lifting Away the Myths" with Donna M. Kaylor, 1991 N.C. Bodybuilding Champion; "Gender & Health Issues" with Dr. Rosemary Tong, professor at Davidson College; and "Make Decorating Easy" with Tandy Graham, custom furnishings specialist.

We will break for lunch in the atrium and then resume with: "Two Sexes—Two Languages" with Susan Luck Hook, communications consultant; "What Plastic Surgery Can Do For You" with Dr. Andy Walker from the Charlotte Plastic Surgery Center; and end with "Modern Realities for Jewish Women" with Rabbi Leah Benamy from Temple Emanuel in Gastonia.

Don't miss out—call a friend or two, and make your reservation **before Dec. 8**. Cost includes everything mentioned above, and is \$54 per person (triple occupancy). This fun weekend is open to all members of the Female Persuasion.

For more information please call Lorrie Klemons at (704) 846-6790 or Ana Resnik at (704) 846-4431.

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Wednesday, December 16

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Lubavitch of North Carolina

by Rabbi Yossi Groner

Newly Elected Judge Visits Lubavitch Day School

Students at Lubavitch Day School experienced first hand the trials and tribulations of a political campaign when they were visited by Yvonne Mims Evans the day before the election.

Ms. Evans, who won a seat as a District Judge in Mecklenburg County, answered students' questions. The questions ranged from the curious to the serious. Students wanted to know how she would deal with crime and what her daily schedule would be. They were very interested in knowing how she would find out if she were actually elected.

Students at Lubavitch School participated in the special Mecklenburg County program "Kids Voting." Parents were encouraged to take their children with them to the polling stations. Students were involved on a daily basis in the election process as part of an extended current events program. There were debates held in class and students explained why they would vote for a particular candidate. Many of the students wrote essays about the candidate of their choice and followed political events through the news media.

Uncle Moishe Coming for Chanukah Program

As a preparation for the festive holiday of Chanukah, Lubavitch is sponsoring a children's musical concert



Judge Yvonne Evans taking question from Alyssa Levine.

by the famous group "Uncle Moishe & the Mitzvah Men."

The event will be held on Sunday, Dec. 13, at 12:15 p.m. at Shalom Park in Gorelick Hall. "Uncle Moishe & the Mitzvah Men" are very popular with children all over the country. They have released over a dozen recordings and all have been best sellers. Uncle Moishe concerts are exciting, funny and always attract large audiences of children and parents. Lunch will be for sale and provided by the Kosher Mart of Charlotte.

On Sunday, Dec. 20, a giant-sized Menorah will be kindled at the Arboretum Shopping Center in Charlotte. The kindling will take place at 5:30 p.m. "Judah the Macabee" will deliver Chanukah gifts to participating children. The lighting will start by passing the "Freedom Torch" through the crowd. Hot *latkes* with apple cider will be served along with other holiday delights.

Lubavitch School Playground Dedicated

A grand new addition to the Lubavitch School is the spectacular new playground which is located at the Sardis Road site. The playground features the best in equipment and child safety.

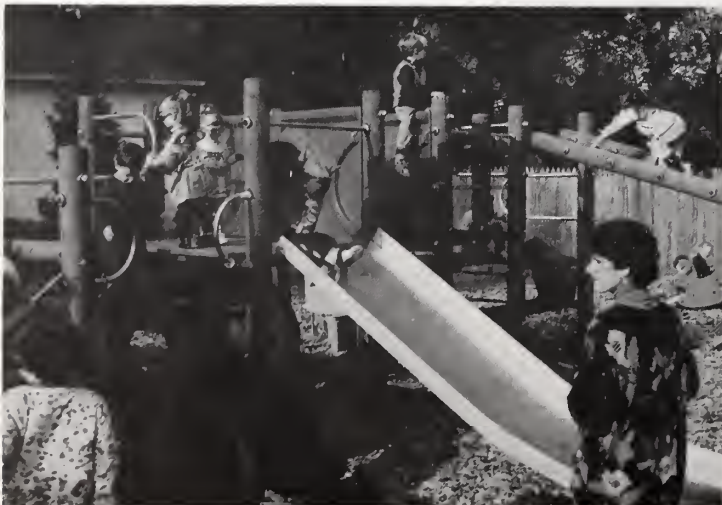
The project was the initiative of Eric and Lori Sklut, who as parents of two preschoolers at Lubavitch Preschool, wanted to contribute to the welfare of all the children in a meaningful, yet practical, manner. "When we see the happy faces of children on the playground, we know we did the right thing," said Lori Sklut.

The playground was dedicated on Nov. 1 in honor of the children of Eric and Lori Sklut. More than 150 children and adults participated in the delightful event. A plaque was given to Eric and Lori in honor of their children. Eric and Lori expressed the hope that their contribution will add to the already superb quality education offered at this institution.

Sandy Rosenberg, president of Lubavitch school PTO, thanked the Skluts in the name of all PTO members and on behalf of all parents and friends of the school.

While parents enjoyed delicious refreshments, children were mesmerized by a super magic show and participated in a variety of activities, including *challah* making.

The playground was built during the summer and was operational on the first day of school. It is indeed a wonderful addition to the school.



Children at playground activities.



Children enjoying playground dedication.

Consolidated High School of Jewish Studies of Charlotte

by Sue Brodsky

Twenty-five juniors and seniors accompanied by five adults piled into the Shalom Park vans on Sunday afternoon, Oct. 25, and headed toward the Hebrew Cemetery in Charlotte. The cemetery visit was part of the Consolidated High School of Jewish Studies' program, "Death, Burial and Mourning in the Jewish Tradition." Hilbert Fuerstman, president of the Hebrew Cemetery Association for many years, gave us a guided tour. Mr. Fuerstman's vast knowledge was evident as he spoke of the oldest graves, the chapel, and about the lives of many noted people who are buried there. The students were also able to visit the grave of their friend and classmate, Scott Katowitz, who was buried there last March.

The program continued at the home of Jaime Cojac. As tradition dictates, the students washed their hands before entering the house. A Meal of Consolation was served which included hardboiled eggs and bagels, both round or oval foods, to signify the continuation of life. Gayle Nordin, a member of the Chevra Kaddisha, spoke about the process of preparing a body for burial. Arthur Kramer, director of education for Temple Beth

El, talked to the students about the basic concepts and procedures associated with burial and mourning. The program, which is part of the Consolidated High School of Jewish Studies Post Confirmation class Sunday night sessions, was very informative and interesting for all of those present.

For more information about the Post Confirmation class or any of the other programs for 8th-12th graders, please contact Sue Brodsky, director, at Shalom Park, (704) 366-5007.

Dr. Tzvee Zahavy Opens Education Series for Women's Division of the Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte

by Ruth Goldberg

Dr. Tzvee Zahavy, the Swift Distinguished Professor of Judaic Studies at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, opened the Education Series for the Women's Division of the Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte on Nov. 8.

Future programs in the Education

Series, "Jewish Women's Awareness. . . Exploring Our Options," include the film, "Chasing Shadows," a 1990 picture by the British Director Naomi Gryn who accompanies her father, a Rabbi in London, on a return trip to his childhood home in a Carpathian village. The showing will be Sunday, Jan. 10, 1993 at 2 p.m. at Shalom Park.

Dr. Deborah Lipstadt, acclaimed author and professor of religion and Jewish studies, will speak on Sunday, March 14, 1993 at 7:30 p.m. A Women's One-Day Mission to Washington, D.C. is planned for May.

Dr. Zahavy lectured on "What Are the Jewish Woman's Rights and Responsibilities? Jewish Tradition Speaks to the Modern Woman." The professor drew upon the official documents of Jewish tradition for his theme: Torah, the primary source of historical literature, goes hand-in-hand with rabbinic sources—Talmud, Mishnah and Midrash. Torah contains specific instructions for men to provide maintenance for women as well as to regulate, legislate and/or limit

Please see **Dr. Zahavy** on page 21



Hilbert Fuerstman talks to Post Confirmation students at Hebrew Cemetery.

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by Peter Wyden

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Reviewed by Pearl Rohde

Stella Goldschlag was the Goldschmidt school's "Marilyn Monroe, tall, slim with light blue eyes, teeth out of a toothpaste ad and pale satin skin. She wore her hair in a pageboy that seemed to dance as she moved."

Peter Wyden recalled that fifty years later at a reunion of the students of the Goldschmidt school in New York. The alumni speculated about their heartthrob. Had she been shot by the Russians? Had she become a spy? The author knew for certain what had happened to Stella when he returned to Germany postwar.

Stella had become a collaborator. She was responsible for the death of fellow Jews—numbers varied from several hundred to 2300. Stella had stalked Jews throughout Berlin, betraying them to the Gestapo—a missionary for the Fuhrer's final solution of the "Jewish problem." It was a total role reversal, one of the hunted becoming hunter. How?

Peter Wyden describes the Berlin of his childhood around 1932—the city of many Jewish writers and artists and bankers and major department store owners, newspaper publishers, garment manufacturers and film

makers. Of the 500,000 Jews in Germany, 173,000 were absorbed in the life in Berlin—"an Olympus of culture—German-Jewish culture." Further, that despite centuries of greater or lesser discrimination, Jews felt immune—they did not read *Mein Kampf*—nobody did. Hitler was a temporary aberration; everyone said so. HE was the alien, had nothing in common with Goethe, Beethoven and other immortals. The renowned Rabbi Joachim Prinz described Jews as pathologically patriotic, referring to his grandfather who was wounded in 1866 in the German war against Austria. Some German Jews who had personally served in the army received some minor considerations from the Nazis, but rarely more.

Crystal Night meant the end of an illusion for rank and file Germans, and for the Jews the pain of uprooting was imminent.

I had to stop many times in reading this book to hold my hands to my eyes and agonize over what had happened a lifetime ago. I thought of a dear young woman who came to my family in 1945. She was the first to tell me of Auschwitz. Barely 25, I thought she was 45. How she hated the number on her arm. She could not speak the horrors.

The "final solution" is a term ascribed to Adolf Eichmann who designed the plan for the death of six million. The word *death* was never verbalized, rather "evacuated," "transported," "resettled," "processed," "cleared areas," "changed domiciles."

He appointed his assistant Alois Brunner who broadened Eichmann's principle of enlisting the Jews in carrying out their own destruction. He signed a directive creating a Jewish *Ordnung* service. These collaborators were the *civil servants*, creations that led to Stella's elite contingent, carried in Berlin Gestapo files under the never-published name of Jewish Scouting Services. These scouts were

like the Jewish Council of Elders who helped run the fenced-in ghettos.

The tacit agreement was that THEY would survive. Stella was half-Jewish, yet willingly partook in her assignments. While preparing to go home to New York, Wyden came across a news article describing Stella Goldschlag, catcher for the Gestapo.

Peter Wyden has written a mesmerizing account of betrayal, heartbreak and failed escapes via the lifelines of "visas and quotas." He returned to Berlin in the winter of 1945-46 as an American GI, having left Berlin only 8 years before. He details his ethical conflict in becoming part of the occupation by assisting in publishing a German language newspaper, as well as an adviser to generals on information policy.

This book is well worth reading.

Pearl Rohde, M.S. Psychologist, resides in Charlotte.

The Historical Jesus

by John Dominic Crossan

Harper San Francisco 544 pp.

\$16 paperback

The Historical Jesus tells *The Life of a Mediterranean Jewish Peasant* (the book's subtitle).

Using strict research and historical standards, John Dominic Crossan, professor of Biblical Studies at De Paul University, has written what is acclaimed to be "the most definitive presentation" of the historical Jesus ever made. This is a thorough account of the progress made from slavery, through banditry, to heading a tribe, a kind of sovereignty and finally to the role of messiah. The author cites examples in other cultures of similar characters.

This study of Jesus describes him as a revolutionary figure as well as a compassionate healer. The book has been well received and appeals to the curious and patient reader.

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Closing the Sea

by Yehudit Katzir

Harcourt Brace Jovanovich 147 pp.

\$18.95

Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

In its original Hebrew, *Closing the Sea* was a best seller in Israel, a remarkable achievement, considering that its author was 26 years old then, in 1990. Now the collection of four short stories has been published in English and in Dutch and will soon appear in Italian.

Reviews in the United States praise the stories highly. Their flavor is Israeli, the settings describing specific places. The stories tell intimate revelations of their characters' lives, lives which are, alas, less than enviable.

The style of Yehudit Katzir's narration is fluent, often running for pages with little punctuation, shifting from past to present, sometimes confusing between reality and dream. The language is vividly descriptive, relying on metaphor with extravagance.

These stories deal with disappointment and disillusionment, but they are not depressing, as a whisper of hope remains. It is difficult to understand how one so young knows so much of life, especially its sordid side. Yehudit Katzir was born in Haifa in 1963, was married recently and was to give birth to her first child in November. She was educated at Tel Aviv University, where she studied literature and film.

Critics predict this author will become one of Israel's most successful novelists.

The Bagel Bible

by Tom and Marilyn Bagel

The Globe Pequot Press 177 pp.

\$9.95

The "Genesis" of *The Bagel Bible* "unlocks" the history of the "cement doughnut." Although they are often thought of as a New York City invention, "Legend has it that in 1683 in Vienna, Austria, a local Jewish baker wanted to thank the king of Poland for protecting his countrymen from Turkish invaders. He made a special

hard roll in the shape of a riding stirrup—*Beugel* in German—commemorating the king's favorite pastime and giving the bagel its distinctive shape." Bagels have been staples of East Europeans' diets for many years, and naturally made the exodus with immigrants coming to America at the turn-of-the-century. They were an immediate success—unions were built around them and an industry was launched.

Marilyn and Tom Bagel provide a culinary celebration of the bagel. For the bagel lover, "Foolproof Bagel Baking in Your Kitchen" is a chapter of recipes for home production. There are also scores of bagel concoctions, including weight-conscious recipes in "Low-Fat, Low-Cal Feasts," "Breakfast Bagels," and "Luncheon and Dinner Bagels." The chapter on "Bagel Party Fare" provides easy to prepare recipes that will disappear in minutes, and in the back of the book is the "Bagel Buyer's Directory," representing virtually every state and Canada.

The Bagel Bible will leave you craving bagels. The recipes are heavenly; the presentation is entertaining. Marilyn and Tom Bagel's previous book was *The Bagel's Bagel Book*, which received national attention. They have appeared on local and national shows and preach the good news that bagels are not just for breakfast anymore. Yes, Bagel is their real name.

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Reviewed by Ruth Goldberg

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Siegfried Sassoon: An Old Soldier Who Won't Fade Away

by Joseph Cohen

Among the most memorable scions of the British branch of the Sassoons, the great middle-Eastern family of Jewish merchant-princes, was the famed World War I hero and anti-war poet, Captain "Mad-Jack" Siegfried Sassoon (1886-1967). His Jewishness was not consequential to him since his parents divorced when he was five years old, and his Jewish father died three years later. Sassoon and his two brothers were reared by their Anglican mother, a Thornycroft whose family were ship-builders to the Crown.

The oftentimes reckless, several times wounded and much-decorated handsome young infantry officer earned his niche in the literary annals of English poetry by being one of a small handful of poets—the other major ones were Wilfred Owen, Robert Graves and Isaac Rosenberg—who, after the incredible loss of human life suffered in the Battle of the Somme in the summer of 1916, began to write bitterly satiric poems of protest against the orchestrated slaughter.

For Sassoon, writing caustically ironic anti-war poems was not enough. Home on leave in July 1917 to recuperate from wounds, he wrote a letter to his commanding officer refusing further participation in a war he argued was being "deliberately prolonged" by the British government for the purposes of "aggression and conquest." The letter was openly treasonable. Bertrand Russell and other outspoken pacifists seized on this embarrassment to Lloyd George's conduct of the war, and they saw to it that Sassoon's "Declaration" was published in *The Times* and read in the House of Commons.

Sassoon had thrown down the gauntlet, challenging the government to try him for treason. Given his prominence, the government couldn't afford it. Instead, it declared the war hero to be suffering from combat-induced "neurasthenia" and had him

packed off to Craiglockhart War Hospital in Edinburgh, an asylum for officers with head wounds, nerve damage and mental breakdowns.

At "Dottyville," Sassoon's term for the hospital, his therapy was under the direction of the famed Cambridge psychiatrist, anthropologist and neurologist W.H.R. Rivers (1864-1922), whose wisdom and genius largely defined and accelerated the development of compassionate modes of treatment for "shell shock" and other combat-related psychiatric traumas, a branch of medicine then in its infancy.

One of the most remarkable novels to have crossed my desk in recent years is a fictionalization of River's therapeutic treatment of Sassoon. Written by an Englishwoman, Pat Barker, best known for several British working-class novels, *Regeneration* (Dutton/William Abrahams; \$20.00) brilliantly brings to life the grim and depressing routines of convalescence at Craiglockhart, where the nights were filled with the screaming nightmares of men doomed to reliving the individual disasters of the battlefield that brought them there.

The genius of Barker's novel, however, rests not in the dramatization of the war's destructiveness but in her capacity to rescue the subject-matter from the convalescent hospital wards and raise it to the intellectual, deeply humane, civilized discourse of the chief protagonists, a doctor and his patient, who both understand that the patient is not "sick" but that he is there, nonetheless, to be cured. Rivers' duty is to effect the "regeneration" of Sassoon and condition him to want to return to the Front.

Other discourses detail marvelously the friction between the humane and much-tormented Rivers and his colleagues, whose approaches to therapy tended to emphasize English public-school bull-headedness and Sandhurstian blind loyalty, military rigidity, callous indifference, and contemptuousness for men who have broken in battle. One such staff doctor, a rose-fancier, is contemptuous of Sassoon because he is half-Jewish. In a masterful stroke by Barker, Riv-

ers counters his colleague's anti-Semitism by pointing out to the rose-fancier the inconsistency of his logic in approving of "hybrid" roses while disapproving of "hybrid" human beings, and the insensitivity of his preference for roses over humans.

For the Jewish reader, the ironies abound. While the novel closes with Sassoon's being pronounced fit for service, we know from the actual history of his later life that his hybridity was a matter of singular indifference to him. He eventually converted to Roman Catholicism. The rose-fancier's prejudicial barbs were aimed at a Jew who simply wasn't there. Still, Sassoon never denied his Jewish origin, and in another passage in the book, he calls specific attention to the Jewishness of his paternal forbears in a conversation with the poet Wilfred Owen, who was also a patient at Craiglockhart.

Sassoon survived the war and lived a long life, writing poems a number of which echo the warnings of the ancient prophets of the Hebrew Bible. One wonders whether he ever heard his father's voice behind those verses.

Contrary to what people say, old soldiers do die, but sometimes they don't fade away. The old soldier Sassoon is dead but Pat Barker's enthralling novel is convincing evidence that he's far from vanishing.

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Joseph Cohen, Emeritus Professor of English at Tulane University, has published widely on the British poets of World War I. His *Journey To The Trenches: The Life of Isaac Rosenberg 1890-1918* (1975) has recently been reissued in London.

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the roles and activities of women. In rabbinic writings, women were regarded as chattel in some instances, were exempted from some public prayers and relegated to home chores, and restricted from study of Torah. Divorce Laws from ancient times still adversely affect women today.

Professor Zahavy, a rabbi and Jewish historian with degrees from Yeshiva and Brown Universities, noted the ethical and moral contributions of Jewish women that men do not make in a community. Since opportunities for leadership and recognition are slowly being given to women today, he urges them to "challenge the authority and rise to the occasion."

The Federation Women's Education Committee members are: Dorothy Ashendorf, Alice Buxbaum, Ann Langman, co-chairs; Judy Kaufmann, Susan Lepow, Rose Luski, Stacy Miller and Ada Shapiro. Sara Schreibman is president of Women's Cabinet.

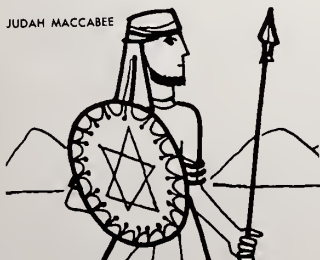
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Those with information are asked to contact Elliot Welles, director, the ADL Nazi War Criminals Task Force, 823 United Nations Plaza, New York, N.Y. 10017, or Prosecutor Kurt Schrimm, Staatsanwaltschaft Stuttgart, Neckarstrasse 145, 7000 Stuttgart 10, Germany.

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Editorial

Extremism in Germany by Estelle Hoffman

This year the two hundred twenty-second anniversary of the birth of Ludwig von Beethoven is being celebrated. He wrote the popular 9th Symphony, in which the chorus sings, "Alle menschen verden bruder." That translates into, "All men will become brothers."

The Germans took Beethoven's music seriously, but not his words. Despite the noble predictions of some of its philosophers, Germany did not capitulate to such idle dreams, but traveled the path of "Germany for Germans," which led to disaster for millions and to Germany's undoing. That was temporary, as we have seen. Like the naughty child who suffered its punishment, after the beating it was helped back to respectability with the assumption it had learned its lesson and would thereafter behave.

Unfortunately, there is a nationalist tradition in Germany of blaming outsiders for problems and domestic failures. After yearning for reunification since the end of World War II, the realization has been disappointing to West Germany and less than satisfactory to East Germany. Its economy is steadily growing worse, along with its hostility to foreigners.

It is easy to understand, while not accepting, unwillingness to grant employment to immigrants amidst lack of employment among citizens of a country. It is not easy to understand the inability of the German government to control a segment of its population, the segment which is rising in a wave of neo-Nazism.

At the end of 1992, Germany's government had banned four extremist groups; however, there are said to be more than 70 similar groups. It is disturbing to read that members of those groups are not mainly from the poor or underprivileged. Many are the children of parents who had been living a comfortable, capitalistic life, who now complain about conditions. Those complaints are coupled with contempt for foreigners. West Germans look upon East Germans as foreigners. There are also six million people who were welcomed into Germany during the years of prosperity, when they were needed for labor and who remained. Now they are resented by some, hated by others. Children of those immigrant workers who were born in Germany are German citizens, but as in all of Europe, acceptance is hard to come by.

At present, we are told that Western Europe is awash in racism, hatred of foreigners, extremism and anti-Semitism. Although Jews are not the particular target, they are extremely sensitive to shouts and rumblings reminiscent of the 1930s, when Nazis were making themselves heard, though few in number.

Germany's Jews number 50,000 amongst a population of 80 million. There are estimated to be 40,000 activists in the

racist movements, which are still legal. That allots four racists to five Jews. Among the 50,000 Jews in Germany, 13,000 are former Israelis. Only 5,000 Jews survived in Germany at the end of World War II, from a population of 500,000. Apparently, nostalgia and prosperity were an attraction.

Simcha Dinitz, chairman of the Jewish Agency, blamed the complacency of the German Jewish establishment who claimed everything was wonderful. Still, guards were posted outside of Jewish institutions.

Many voices in Israel have been raised in condemnation, and demands have been made for the Israeli government to protest more indignantly than it has done. The general attitude towards German Jews is one of amazement by Israelis: how can they not have learned the lessons of history? Yet, Germany is the second strongest supporter of Israel, after the United States.

The bright side of the turmoil in Germany is that hundreds of thousands of Germans have taken to the streets to demonstrate against the neo-Nazis, demanding that their government stop them. Germany has been conscious of its image to the world, and it was its feeling of guilt which prompted the long and expensive restitution to surviving victims, aid to Israel, and acceptance of refugees. Its asylum law allowed 500,000 immigrants to enter Germany during 1992. This fact is almost incredible, in a country which has so long fought for "lebensraum."

German officials tend to believe that if the asylum problem is solved, the current violence against foreigners will diminish or cease. The Federal Office for Protection of the Constitution monitors political elements on the left and right. It has a staff of 2,000, without power.

A group of Jewish American journalists visited Germany recently. A writer for the Philadelphia Jewish Exponent reported on the findings of the tour, hosted by the Konrad Adenauer Foundation. A distinction was made between rightist radical groups which are legal and right-wing extremism.

The Americans were assured that German democracy is strong and will prevail. An attempt was made to convince our journalists that the Gypsies, for example, do not belong, because they are different. No trace could be found of the contributions Jews had made to Germany, and some Jews who live there now are growing uneasy. Robert Leiter, speaking for the group, said, "The second racial cleansing of Germany may in fact be well under way."

Can the present government of Germany control its population as well as its Nazi government did earlier in this century?

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Blumenthal Jewish Home resident, David Merrill (102 years old), visits with his grandson, Victor Maya. Photo by Don Morris.

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Jews rescued by the Jewish Agency from civil war in Duchanbe, Tajikistan (a Moslem Republic of the former Soviet Union), arrive in Israel thanks to Operation Exodus funds. Photos by UJA/D. R. Guthrie (12/92)

From the Editor

We have several articles in this issue dealing with Germany. First is the editorial (p. 2) on "Extremism in Germany" concerning the resurgence of neo-Nazism. Next is the article below on compensation for the benefit of severely persecuted Jewish victims of Nazism. Last of all is the feature on Henry Hirschmann of Charlotte, N.C., who visited his birthplace in Germany (p. 21) a few months ago.

With the start of the New Year, we decided to do some rearranging of the magazine's layout. To our loyal readers, please note that we have relocated a number of features which appear each month, and will do so during the course of 1993.

Best wishes for a Happy New Year!

Ruth Goldberg

To the Editor

Claims Conference Announces Benefits for Nazi Victims

The Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany (Claims Conference) announced that after extensive negotiations between the German Federal Republic and the Claims Conference, the German Government agreed to provide funds for the benefit of severely persecuted Jewish Nazi victims who received no compensation or only minimal indemnification. These funds will be distributed by the Claims Conference "Article 2 Fund" within the framework of a German hardship fund.

Eligible are Nazi victims who can prove that they were at least 6 months in concentration camps, or 18 months in ghettos, or 18 months in hiding under inhumane conditions. Such Nazi victims are also eligible even if they received one-time payments of up to DM 5,000 under the German Federal Indemnification Law (BEG) or from the Claims Conference Hard-

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ship Fund, or payments in excess of DM 5,000 for extended incarceration.

Individuals who receive pensions under the German Federal Indemnification Law or under the Israeli Law for Invalids of Nazi Persecution are not eligible. Nazi victims who never left their original countries of residence or returned to these countries are also not eligible.

Eligible claimants will receive monthly payments of DM 500 *beginning August 1, 1995*, and a limited interim payment.

Applications, together with detailed instructions, may be obtained *by writing to*: Claims Conference, 15 East 26 Street; Room 1303A, New York, N.Y. 10010.

Tu b'Shevat 5753 February 6, 1993

Israeli Immigrant Forest Planners Celebrate Tu b'Shevat

by Simon Griver
UJA Press Service

Tu b'Shevat, or the New Year of Trees, held special significance last year for three former Soviet immigrant forest planners. Along with thousands of Israelis on this holiday, they planted the tender saplings that have come to symbolize the bond between the land of Israel and Jews throughout the world.

Before Moshe Volhonsky, 39, arrived in Israel, he never heard of Tu b'Shevat. Of course, he also didn't know that there were any forests in Israel. Volhonsky, who was employed as a forester in the republic of Kazakhstan, says, "I thought that Israel was all desert."

Volhonsky explains that the climate and conditions in Kazakhstan are very different from that of Israel. Temperatures in Kazakhstan climb to 40 degrees centigrade in the summer and minus 40 in the winter. Varieties of trees are grown for industrial and agricultural use. Timber is big business.

"In Kazakhstan there are many large forests," he says. "Each of them is larger than all of Israel. They're rich, dense and diverse. I do miss them." He adds, "But Israeli forests have a special charm of their own."

Volhonsky's colleague, Zohar Litmanowich, an immigrant from Moldavia, nods in agreement. He says, "The forests of Moldavia might have been more beautiful, but the forests of Israel are ours. When I walk through a forest here, I have the satisfying feeling of belonging."

Litmanowich, 44, says that in Moldavia he was a "secret" Jew. Unlike Volhonsky, he knew what Tu b'Shevat was before arriving in Israel. Coming from a traditional family, he speaks Yiddish and is well aware of Jewish traditions. However, his ob-

servance was curtailed. The stocky, grey-haired Litmanowich says, "I was hardly likely to celebrate Tu b'Shevat when even observing Yom Kippur was a problem." He explains that the KGB monitored the synagogue and if he had been seen there he would have lost his job in a factory that processed timber for furniture.

Roman Yelin, 41, from the Ukraine and another JNF employee, also refers to himself as a "secret" Jew. He says, "We held a Seder each Passover but it was always very subdued. We were scared that the neighbors would hear us."

Yelin, along with Litmanowich and Volhonsky, was planning the Sa'af Forest, which is an addition to the Jerusalem Forest. They divide their time between the drawing board and the field. Yelin says, "Others plant the trees that we plan, so we don't get our hands very dirty. But on Tu b'Shevat we'll plant some trees ourselves." Speaking also for his two friends, he adds, "The soil of Israel is ours and it will be good to get some of it ingrained in our skins."

American Jews have helped hundreds of thousands of Soviet Jews feel at one with the land of Israel this year. The absorption of all Eastern European Jews to Israel is supported by American Jews through the United Jewish Appeal/Federation Annual and Operation Exodus Campaigns.

Tradition in the Kitchen

MENU FOR TU B'SHEVAT DINNER

Tossed Salad
Meat, Fruit & Peanut Curry
Nut-Wild Rice Pilaf
Carrot Applesauce Cake
Coffee

Meat, Fruit & Peanut Curry

The unusual melange of people in South Africa—native Africans, Maylay-sians, Indians, Dutch, British, French and Ashkenazic Jews, has produced an intriguing selection of delectable local dishes, such as this stew, which is quite appropriate to serve on Tu b'Shevat. Similar curries are often eaten by South African Jews throughout the year.

2 Tbsp. vegetable oil
1 medium-sized onion, finely chopped
1-1/2 lbs. chuck, trimmed of fat and cut into 1" cubes
1-1/2 cups water
2 Tbsp. lemon juice or cider vinegar
1 Tbsp. curry powder
1/2 tsp. salt
1/4 tsp. ground ginger
1/4 tsp. ground cinnamon
1 8-oz. pkg. mixed dried fruits
1/2 cup dark raisins
2 small just-ripe bananas
1/2 cup roasted peanuts or cashews, preferably unsalted

Please see **TRADITION** on page 24



Three immigrants celebrate Tu b'Shevat in Israel, (L. to R.): Zohar Litmanowich, Roman Yelin and Moshe Volhonsky. UJA Press Service photo by Paul Samson.

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Creativity Nurtures the Spirit **Art meets special needs at Blumenthal Jewish Home**

To speak with color, to express feeling with the movement of a brush, to focus energy creatively — these are moments that are special for residents at BJH. For someone whose normal means of expression has been lost to illness, a painting session with Sally Terreni can be a unique opportunity.

Sally Terreni joined the Recreation Department staff in August working as an activity therapist, primarily serving the B-2 skilled nursing unit. Mrs. Terreni has spent most of her career as an elementary and secondary art teacher. A native of New York State, she graduated from the State University of New York at Buffalo and spent one year studying on an international program in Sienna, Italy. She has lived and taught in New York, New Jersey, and Italy. Sally brings teaching experience, a love of art and musical abilities to her position at BJH.

Multi-colored painted wind chimes hang cheerfully from the activity room ceiling in B-2, a quilt



Fay Wexler concentrates on her painting during an art activity session.

of individual painted squares adorns one wall, painted paper fans form an artful design on another. These brightly colored objects, a joy to see, attest to Sally's love of nurturing the creative spirit and to the joy of expression experienced by the artists, our residents.

While most of the BJH residents enjoy the multi-dimensional therapeutic recreation program

developed by the Activities Staff, residents with severely limited abilities cannot participate in all of the activities. The Home has an unusually high staff to resident ratio, four full-time activity therapists and two part-time craft shop instructors. With a therapist assigned to each unit of the Home, residents receive the benefits of both homewide programming and special activities planned to meet the needs of individuals on a particular level of care. Programs such as concerts, parties, holiday celebrations, services, out of home trips, the craft shop, games, pet therapy, and other volunteer programs are offered to all who can enjoy and benefit from them. More specialized and individualized activities are provided to serve special needs.

Small group music programs and individualized art activities offered by Sally Terreni have augmented the recreation program and met some of these special needs.

Creativity Blossoms at BJH



Above: B-Wing residents enjoy an outdoor music hour with Sally Terreni, activity therapist, playing guitar.

Below: Karen Wyatt, administrative secretary, turns a barren spot off the mansion breezeway into a flourishing garden.



Right: Afredia Thompson, Director of Resident Activities, presents A-Wing resident Robert Little with an award for the oil painting he exhibited at the Dixie Classic Fair.



Left: B-Wing resident Nettie Hampton enjoys her painting sessions with Sally Terreni.

BJH NEWS

Editor – Sue Clein

WELCOME

May you have a long, healthy, and happy life.

Margaret Davis
Winston-Salem, NC

Paul Davis
Winston-Salem, NC
Dorothy Rodriguez
Asheville, NC

Felix Schmerz
Charlotte, NC
Norman Simmons
Mt. Olive, NC

Evelyn Smith
Winston-Salem, NC
Anne Stockert
Winston-Salem, NC

IN MEMORY

We mourn the loss of:

Mildred Gates
Rose Halpern
Lucille Holleman
Margaret Osburn
Sylvia Pressman
Celia Sklut
Lee Sweetbaum
Ernest Whitehead

May their cherished
memories bring comfort
to their loved ones.



FAIR OAKS

A letter to Dean Smith A Carolina Fan Shares Her Feelings About Living At Fair Oaks

Dear Dean:

I'm sure you remember Pam and when she died I was in such deep depression I wanted to die. Roger and Deana felt helpless for what to do with me. I knew about this home for I had visited friends here when I lived in Chapel Hill. It was the smartest thing I could have done to come here. I made up my mind to adjust for I had hurt Roger enough.

After two months I had adjusted so well they were all proud of me. I have my own private room (In Fair Oaks) and both, my big TV, private phone, and everything I need. I participate in all activities except when Carolina is playing basketball they all know I am in my room at my TV. There are several here that are Carolina fans that come in my room and watch it with me. Others can hear us yelling and applauding when the boys make a basket. I

know this is a busy time for you but some time in '93 you may have a little extra time and how I would love for you and anyone you want to bring to come here to see me and this beautiful place. We have 40% Protestants and balance Jewish. We have religious services for both every week, Easter and Christmas. I attend all.

Wasn't it wonderful in Charlotte at the Pepsi tournament. We beat them all. Roger, Seymour and Carol Levin were there. Dean, my family has always been so proud of you, you've had so many honors and you deserve every one, just think of your children knowing the beautiful center is named for you and you have it all while you are living. I'll still be hoping you can come here, you may know some one that would be interested in being here. Just call me 766-1420 and have lunch or dinner with me.



Hannah Ackerman

It is only 1½ hours from Chapel Hill. Fifteen minutes from Winston-Salem. There are few weeks that I don't have company besides my family and friends from Chapel Hill and Durham.

Stay Well. Warmest Regards.
Fondly, Hannah (Ackerman)



Greensboro volunteer Ruth Jacobs visits with Fair Oaks residents Lottie and Henry Maienthau at the Country Club luncheon.



Greensboro volunteer Joanne Landau with her mother, Fair Oaks resident Lena Krieger, at Starmount Country Club.

On the Home Front ...

Carin Steinvort Joins BJH as Director of Pharmacy



Carin Steinvort

Blumenthal Jewish Home is pleased to welcome Carin Steinvort as the new Director of Pharmacy. Carin brings to this position excellent professional credentials, a keen interest in the geriatric

population, and multi-cultural experiences. She recently moved to Winston-Salem with her husband, Tom Cloward, from Salt Lake City, Utah.

Carin received her B.S. in Biology from the University of Utah, Salt Lake City and her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Utah College of Pharmacy in 1991. She trained as an intern in the Department of Pharmacy Services at LDS Hospital and the University of Utah Health Science Center and completed her residency in Clinical Pharmacy at the University Hospital. Before moving to Winston-Salem, Carin was on the pharmacy staff of the Drug Information Service at the University of Utah Health Service Center. Carin's interest in geriatric care developed during her clinical rotations in school and she says she is

very happy to be now working at the Blumenthal Jewish Home, with an in-house pharmacy. She says she is looking forward to spending more time getting to know the residents and increasing her consulting work, an area in which she specialized.

The advantages of an in-house pharmacy are many, says Carin. Not only are medicines on hand immediately if needed, but the pharmacist is able to review charts, screen for drug interactions and provide regular monitoring of drug use. Having an in-house pharmacist provides greater service to the residents while being more cost efficient, says Carin.

Since moving to North Carolina, Carin says she has enjoyed traveling and photographing this beautiful state. An experienced traveler, Carin was born in Sweden, and has lived in eight countries, throughout Europe and South America and in Northern Africa as well as three states in the United States. Blumenthal Jewish Home is pleased to have Carin on its staff, she brings her knowledge, a quiet and thoughtful manner and a global perspective to the Home.

Glasstravaganza Exhibit Shines at Blumenthal Jewish Home

The opening reception of the Piedmont Craftsmen Glass exhibit on November 15th was a shining success. Visitors and residents filled the upstairs lounge in the Fair Oaks Commons admiring the stunning artwork, sampling the delicious hors d'oeuvres, socializing, and admiring our beautiful facility. Sunlight pouring through the large windows highlighted the magnificent glass display which was closely rivaled by the artful food buffet prepared by Chef Charles McIntire. Lyons Omohundro, Shop Director at Piedmont Craftsmen,

thanked Blumenthal Jewish Home for hosting this exhibit, saying that this was a successful first venture between these two non-profit agencies and that we hopefully look forward to annual exhibits.

Rita and Leonard Guyes choose their favorite piece at the Piedmont Craftsman glass exhibit at the Home.



On the Home Front ... continued

Tannenbaum Fund Sponsors Geriatric Conference



Left to right: Jeanne Tannenbaum, Dr. Christopher Colenda, Leah Tannebaum, JoAnne Rader, Patricia Suggs and Dr. Burton Reifler meet at the Conference.

Blumenthal Jewish Home was host for an outstanding day-long conference on December 8 for health professionals serving patients with dementia. Through the auspices of the Tannenbaum Fund, the Blumenthal Jewish Home was able to co-sponsor this conference in association with the Appalachian Geriatric Education Center and the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Medicine of Bowman Gray School of Medicine. The Tannenbaum Fund was established in memory of Dr. Jack Tannenbaum to provide an annual event with a focus on gerontology.

The guest speaker for the con-

ference was JoAnne Rader, R.N., M.N., Assistant Professor, Mental Health Nursing at Oregon Health Science University in Portland. Ms. Rader is widely published and nationally recognized for her continuing efforts in the area of geriatrics. Additional faculty for the conference program were Dr. Burton Reifler and Dr. Christopher Colenda from the Department of Psychiatry at Bowman Gray School of Medicine.

BJH was pleased to be able to host this educational conference both to offer training to its staff and to welcome more than 90 health professionals to our facility.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

JANUARY

Eleanor Altshuller
Helen Bloch
Mary Ellen Capper
Ethel Dickson
Rae Glickman
Solomon Greenberg
Anna Levine
Henry Maienthau
Dorothy Rodriguez
Fannie Shandolow
Danford Shoaf
Evelyn Smith
Leila Tedford
Pearl Yachnin

FEBRUARY

Virginia Brown
Ida Feinberg
Miriam Gingold
Marguerite Hughes
Eileen Jacobs
Lillian Kamens
Bertha Marrus
Lilly Marx
Josephine Miller
Alise Panders
Ila Poplin
Salomon Sabbah

Left: The Glasstravaganza reception drew a crowd of visitors to the Commons to enjoy the beautiful display of glass art. Below, Left to right: Linda Block, Carol Stuart and Andrew Ettin admire the exhibit pieces.



On the Home Front... continued

Awards Reception Held for BJH Prize Winning residents



BJH residents won 16 ribbons and 8 cash awards in the Senior Citizens' Craft exhibit at the Dixie Classic Fair this year. Catherine Smith, Craft Shop Instructor, and Afredia Thompson, Director of Resident Activities, hosted an awards reception on October 14 in honor of the winners. All entries were displayed and the winners were presented with their cash awards. Congratulations goes to all of our talented and hardworking residents. Special recognition goes to our cash prize winners, Eva Kaplan, who garnered four prizes for her beautiful needlework, Esther Pearson, first place, Barnet Goldberg, first place, and Robert Little, second place for oil painting and Beatrice Goodman and Sylvia Margolis for needlework.



Eva Kaplan, a four-prize winner, receives applause from her peers for her winning needlework entries.



Above left, left to right: Catherine Smith (Craft Shop Instructor) and residents who received awards for their entries at the Fair: Sylvia Margolis, Beatrice Goodman, Ida Temko, Barnet Goldberg, and Irene Mendelson.

Above: Eva Kaplan, Robert Little, Miriam Warshofsky, and Esther Pearson display the work they received awards for at the Fair.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to the following staff members who celebrate anniversaries of employment in January and February.

JANUARY

16 Years

Carolyn Bright, *Nsg. Asst., B-1*

15 Years

Betty Gentry, *RN, B-2*

14 Years

Sue Pierce, *Nsg. Asst., FO*

5 Years

Doris Stroud, *Administration*

Karen Wyatt, *Administration*

4 Years

Debbie Szewczyk, *RN, B-1*

Larry Williams, *Nsg. Asst., B-2*

3 Years

Pauline Davis, *Dietary*

Betty Stevenson, *Nsg. Asst., FO*

2 Years

Peggy Kiger, *Nsg. Asst., A-Wing*

Donna Sims, *RN, A-Wing*

Mike Smith, *Dietary*

Donna Stillie, *Nsg. Asst., B-2*

1 Year

Peggy Bridges, *Staff Development*

Vicky Lennox, *Dietary*

Benita McCorkle, *Nsg., B-2*

Donnie McIntosh, *Housekeeping*

FEBRUARY

15 Years

Ruth Howell, *Dietary*

12 Years

Joan Lennon, *RN, B-1*

Catherine Smith, *Recreation*

6 Years

June Ireland, *Nsg. Asst., B-1*

4 Years

Gerri Brown, *Dietary*

Melinda Hartley, *Director of Admissions*

Pam Kesler, *RN, A-Wing*

2 Years

Jill Holley, *Dietary*

Hester Sizemore, *Nsg. Asst., A-Wing*

1 Year

Mike King, *Dietary*

Rafael Rosario, *Dietary*

Faye Simmons, *Laundry*

SUE's NEWS

From the Classics to Classical Volunteers Are Popular



Fair Oaks resident Elsie Guthman enjoys looking at photos with a member of the West Forsyth High School Anchor Club.

The West Forsyth High School Anchor Club kicked off its fourth year of volunteering at BJH with the Annual Halloween Party. The entire club participated; 40 students presented a Halloween Fashion show, served refreshments and spent time chatting with residents. In November the first of their small group monthly projects, a tea party for residents, was a success with students sharing photo albums and memories with residents.

New volunteers brought the classics to BJH in November. Volunteer Zelda Bryant helped residents to celebrate Jewish Book month in November with a reading and discussion group of Jewish writers. Zelda read about the life of the Baal-Shem, Israel ben Eliezer from the writings of Martin Buber and Eli Wiesel. Residents enjoyed Zelda's enthusiasm and her reading of these classic hasidic tales.

Steve Huyser, a newcomer to Charlotte, North Carolina, recently



Steve Huyser, Charlotte volunteer, entertains residents with a piano concert.

visited with Rabbi White of Temple Israel. Steve performed a beautiful piano concert of classical work, highlighted by a new composition he had commissioned, "Variations on Hatikvah" by Geoffrey Chappell.

We are looking forward to having Steve, a former volunteer at the Hebrew Home in Maryland, play for us on a regular basis.

*For all volunteers —
For your information*

Tax Deductible Expenses

Helping others can also help you save money on your tax return. If you itemize, the following unreimbursed expenses may be deductible as contributions to a qualified charity.

- *Transportation at 12 cents per mile between home and the volunteer site
- *Parking and toll fees paid while volunteering
- *Telephone calls connected with volunteer work
- *Travel, meals and lodging

The actual value of the services performed as a volunteer is not deductible. Consult your tax advisor for detailed information on deductible expenses.



*Above: Volunteer Joanne Raschke and new BJH resident Bessie Schwartz from High Point shop together at Hanes Mall.
Below: Greensboro volunteer Helen Davidson visits with Yvette Pearlman at the monthly birthday party.*



BJH NEWS BRIEFS:

- **THE B'NAI-BRITH YOUTH** Organization in Winston-Salem decorated the Home's beautiful Sukkah this year. Residents enjoyed a Sukkot reception with wine, challah and sweets in the Sukkah and a Sukkot Celebration with the always delightful Merri Robinson of Raleigh singing Jewish melodies.
- **RABBI'S HOUR** resumed this fall after summer sabbaticals. Residents look forward to monthly visits with their rabbis and weekly Rabbi's Hour Programs. Recent programs were conducted by Rabbi Thomas Liebschutz, Temple Emanuel, Winston-Salem; Rabbi Scott White, Temple Israel, Charlotte; and from Greensboro Rabbi Eli Havivi of Beth David and Rabbi Richard Harkavy, Temple Emanuel.
- **ELECTION DAY** brought the crowds to vote at Fair Oaks, now a voting precinct for Clemmons, but our residents had the inside edge. Blumenthal Jewish Home and Fair Oaks residents did not have far to go to cast their ballots as they bypassed the lines outdoors and entered the Friendship Room to vote their choice.



BJH resident Lee Sample casts her ballot at the polls in the Friendship Room on election day.

Fall Highlights



Above: Residents celebrate Sukkot with a kiddush in the beautiful Sukkah.

Above right: Rabbi Scott White, from Charlotte's Temple Israel, chats with Gertrude Monosoff on a recent visit.

Right: Well dressed for Halloween are the staff members of the activity department: Sally Terreni, Gail Ruthfield, Linda Abrahamson and Afredia Thompson.



CALENDAR FOR JANUARY

- 1 New Year's Day Celebration, Society Swing Band, 2:30 p.m., Commons
- 3 Sunday Sweets with Sisterhood from Temple Emanuel, 2:30 p.m., Upper Commons
- 5 Homewide Birthday Party, Greensboro Volunteers, 1:30 p.m., Commons Auditorium
- 10 Brenner Concert, Gerald Klickstein, "Classical Guitar"
- 13 Rabbi's Hour with Rabbi Liebschutz, Synagogue, 2:00 p.m.
- 15 Leave for shopping at Hanes Mall, Winston-Salem, 9:30 a.m.
- 18 Rabbi's Hour with Rabbi Harkavy, Synagogue, 11:00 a.m.
- 20 Leave for Starmount Country Club, Greensboro, 10:30 a.m.
- 24 Brenner Concert, Perfect Match, "Barbershop Quartet," 3:00 p.m., Commons Auditorium
- 27 Rabbi's Hour with Rabbi White, Synagogue, 11:00 a.m.

- **PERFORMERS FROM** the Children's Workshop Theatre in Greensboro entertained for the November birthday party. Lynn Salsi, producer of the Children's Theatre, directed the delightful and talented singers.

- **IRENE SCHWARTZ**, volunteer from Greensboro, tickled the ivories and touched the residents' hearts when she entertained for the December birthday party. Irene played toe-tapping favorites and Yiddish melodies that had hands clapping and toes tapping.

Fall birthday party entertainers were, clockwise: Members of the Children's Workshop Theatre in Greensboro; Volunteer Marsha Glazman dancing with Fair Oaks resident Al Schwartz; Greensboro volunteer pianist Irene Schwartz, and below, Dance Instructor Maryann Cox from Greensboro dancing with Fair Oaks resident Bernie Goodman at the September party.



CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY

- 2 Homewide Birthday Party, Greensboro Volunteers, 1:30 p.m., Commons Auditorium
- 3 Rabbi's Hour with Rabbi Havivi, 10:00 a.m., Synagogue
- 7 Sunday Sweets with Sisterhood from Temple Emanuel, Upper Commons, 2:30 p.m.
- 10 Rabbi's Hour with Rabbi Liebschutz, Synagogue, 2:00 p.m.
- 14 Valentine's Day Party, Marvin James and the Stardusters, Commons Auditorium, 3:00 p.m.
- 15 Rabbi's Hour with Rabbi Harkavy, Synagogue, 11:00 a.m.
- 17 Leave for Starmount Country Club, Greensboro, 10:30 a.m.
- 18 Leave for Friendship Circle Meeting, Greensboro, 10:30 a.m.
- 19 Leave for shopping at Hanes Mall, Winston-Salem, 9:30 a.m.
- 24 Rabbi's Hour with Rabbi White, Synagogue, 11:00 a.m.
- 28 Brenner Concert, Jerry Funicello, "Popular Songs," Commons Auditorium, 3:00 p.m.

BJH Is Happy To Announce Its Selections For Employee Of The Month



JOAN ARMSTRONG

Housekeeping
October, 1992

Joan Armstrong brought the values she grew up with when she came to work at the Blumenthal Jewish Home in August 1991 and the Home has

benefitted since then. Joan grew up in Beckley, West Virginia and moved to Winston-Salem about 30 years ago. She was the eighth child in a family of twelve children and learned hard work, cooperation, sharing, and helping others. Joan and her husband John have four children and are now enjoying their three-year-old granddaughter. With her brothers, sisters, and children all living in this area, Joan says they are a close family. When it's time for holiday and family celebrations, they rent a place large enough so that they can all be together and share in the event.

Joan brings her gentle, caring nature to her job. She says she enjoys the people she works with and likes working at the Blumenthal Jewish Home. She was surprised and pleased to be chosen Employee of the Month, saying, "I try to do everything they ask me to

do." Alan McManus, Director of Housekeeping, describes Joan as dependable, hardworking, honest, and having a big heart. "She always puts everybody before herself," says Alan.

BJH congratulates Joan Armstrong, an employee we are proud to have on our staff.



Administrative staff Lydia Sparrow and Arlene van de Rijn volunteered as hostesses at the Glasstravaganza.



ELIAS ANCHANTE

Nursing Assistant
November, 1992

Elias Anchante is a relative newcomer to BJH, having joined the B-1 unit in April, 1992. Since then Elias's quiet caring manner have endeared him to many residents

and staff. Surprised and pleased at being chosen Employee of the Month, Elias said, "I am thankful to be chosen, I really appreciate it... I do the best I can."

Doing one's best is more enjoyable at the Blumenthal Jewish Home, according to Elias. He says the Home is both beautiful and has more employees than at other homes where he's worked, thus the staff have more time for the residents and can give residents better care.

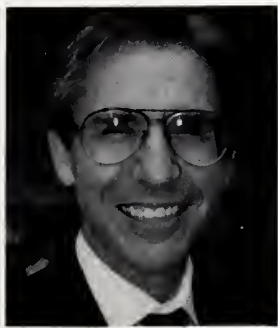
Elias Anchante was born and raised in Lima, Peru, where he studied business administration at San Martin DePorres University. Elias describes Peru as a beautiful country, somewhat like North Carolina but with great economic and political problems. He left Peru, 15 years ago, hopefully to find a future for himself with so many

opportunities in the United States. His parents and four sisters and two brothers are still living in Lima. Elias and his wife Kathleen moved to Winston-Salem from New York five years ago. They have five children ages 3 to 14.

"I especially enjoy talking to the residents," says Elias, "I feel like I'm seeing my parents and if I can't be with my parents, who I miss very much, I can be with and help the residents."

Libby Carter, B-1 Unit Manager, says that Elias is willing to do anything to help make people feel better. "We are blessed to have him," says Libby, "with his gentle, kind approach and delightful sense of humor, he is adored by all the residents."

BJH is happy to present this award to Elias Anchante, a deserving recipient.



What's Developing?

by Bruce Schlosberg
Director of Development

Ways of Giving

THE TREE OF LIFE — Etz Chaim

If you want a special way of honoring a person's memory or simcha, we would like for you to consider THE TREE OF LIFE. The Tree of Life is a new way of giving Tzedakah to the Home. The tree is a metal sculpture which will be located in the main entrance of Fair Oaks.

The Tree will offer the donor an opportunity to pay tribute to someone special with an inscribed leaf. The minimum donation of \$100 will be used to help decrease the \$2.4 million debt on the Capital Campaign.

Regionalism and the Home

The Blumenthal Jewish Home is a unique institution. Unlike other Jewish Nursing Homes, we serve a

population scattered over a two-state area. There is no central city and suburbs. There are big cities, smaller cities, and towns.

Our unique market area has created a problem in attracting diverse leadership and developing closer relationships with communities. Times are changing, and the Blumenthal Home is adapting to change.

In October of 1992 the Home's Board of Directors created the concept of the Regional Boards. Under the plan, three regional boards would be appointed. One board will serve an area west of Charlotte, Salisbury and Statesville, and all of South Carolina. Another board will serve the Triad area bounded by Lexington on the west, Burlington on the east, and the north-south state borders. The other board will serve the Research Triangle and points eastward.

The mission of the Board will be twofold. First, it will provide an arena for future leadership to be developed by the Home. Secondly, it will allow the Home to build relationships, partnerships, and coalitions with existing community organizations (Federations, Family Services, and Synagogues).

The Regional Boards will serve several important purposes. They will promote the Home. They will work together with interested people in the respective communities to create a strategic (long-range) plan on the needs of the elderly. Also, they will be advocates on behalf of the elderly in their communities, state, and nation.

The Regional Board members are expected to be appointed by January of 1993, and have their first meeting by March.



On a recent visit to Asheville, NC, Bruce Schlosberg visited with, Left to Right: Richard Laibson, President of the Western North Carolina Jewish Federation; Marlene Breger-Joyce, Executive Director of the Western North Carolina Jewish Federation, and Leon Rocamora.

The FAIR OAKS Capital Campaign of the Blumenthal Jewish Home

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Ways of Giving TZEDAKAH to the Blumenthal Jewish Home

Type of Tzedakah

Capital Campaign

Wall of Honor (\$2000, \$5000, \$7500)

Planned Giving

Bequest

Charitable Remainder (Uni/Annuity Trust)

Charitable Gift Annuity

Charitable Lead Trust

Pooled Income Fund

Tributes

In Memory Of/In Honor Of (under \$100)

Tree of Life (over \$100)

Membership

Life Membership (\$1,000 single, \$1,800 couple)

General Membership (\$25, \$54, \$118, \$540)

End of Year Appeal

Yahrzeit

Purpose/Gift Source

To pay off \$2.5 million debt on Fair Oaks Project.

To build the endowment fund, which will provide the major source of revenue for INDIGENT CARE*

Indigent Care – Annual General Fund
Capital Campaign

Endowment Fund
Indigent Care – Annual General Fund

Indigent Care/Capital Campaign

Indigent Care

* The Home provides over \$600,000 annually in UNREIMBURSED INDIGENT CARE.
Forty-five percent of the Home's residents receive indigent care.

Blumenthal Jewish Home

ANNUAL REPORT 1991-92

PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT

Ellis Berlin

delivered at the Annual Membership Meeting,
October 25, 1992

It is with great excitement and anticipation that I report to you on the status of your Home at the conclusion of my two-year term of office as your President. Your elected officers performed well, and I want to thank each and every one of them for their countless time and effort in serving on committees and directing the activities of your Home. Many members of your Board traveled long distances and gave up many hours of personal and business time to perform their duties on behalf of your Home. For this we are forever grateful!!

In the past two years, your Home has accomplished much about which you should be proud such as:

I. FINANCIAL

- a. There have been no transfers from Endowment Fund interest which have not been paid back to the fund.
- b. Through 12 months excess revenue over expenditures shows a surplus of \$97,252 against a budget forecast of a deficit of \$22,659 (unaudited and before depreciation).
- c. Our census has remained high with an increasing occupancy rate for Fair Oaks.

II. PERSONNEL AND STAFF

- a. Last year I reported to you that your Home consisted of more than bricks and mortar. It consists of loyal, dedicated and caring employees, directed by our efficient Executive Vice President, Don Morris, and Administrator, Lynda Edmondson. You may rest assured that your loved ones who are residents in Blumenthal Jewish Home are receiving the best of care.
- b. Your Home achieved a zero-deficiency review by the State of North Carolina two years in a row. *This has never happened before and was due to the excellent efforts of your staff and employees.*
- c. Our turnover rate in 1992 in personnel was a



Ellis Berlin

remarkable 49%. This is a 34% improvement from 1991.

III. FUND RAISING AND IMAGE IN COMMUNITIES

- a. The successful mensch nights in Greensboro and the first annual Fair Oaks fund raiser dinner are indications that your Home has a special place in the hearts of our constituents. Hopefully other major cities will join in fund raising dinners in their areas.
- b. Federation support has been increasing and is a major necessity to supplement our indigent residents.
- c. We have been successful in acquiring non-Jewish community leaders to serve on our Board which helps our community image.
- d. We now have 880 paid members and 238 life members of our Home. This is a tremendous increase, and Audrey Madans and her committee have done an excellent job.
- e. An organized effort has been set forth by your Development Director to complete a final campaign effort to pay off the balance of our capital debt.

IV. REORGANIZATION AND DOR L'DOR

In the spring of 1992, your Board and Executive Committee adopted my plan of reorganization which established a Regional Board. The function

of the Regional Board shall be to discover the concerns that affect the elderly from their region and to make recommendations to your Board of Trustees addressing these concerns. The Regional Boards will be a conduit for the Board of Trustees on what you, the members, want for your region. A Vice President will have executive responsibility for each region.

The other program authorized was a Dor L'Dor (generation to generation) program. This is a mutual support program for relatives of the elderly who face problems of caring for an elderly relative. The program is now working in South Carolina and will be extended to all regions in the near future. Marvin Bienstock has been instrumental in establishing and getting this program off the ground with the help of Blumenthal Jewish Home personnel such as Social Services, Development Director, Nursing, Executive Vice President, and the Administrator.

The Director of Development has been assigned the function of implementing both of these programs and will appreciate your support when requested.

This has been a lengthy report but is indicative of the full menu we have handled in the past two years. In conclusion, I request your support for the new administration in the same excellent manner that you supported me!



Hugo Rosenberger receives an award from the CAJWM for his 10 year chairmanship of the Cadillac Raffle. Audrey Madans, President Elect, BJH Board of Trustees, thanks Hugo and his wife Helga for their dedication to the Home.



Hy Muss, a Presidential appointee to the Board of Trustees, attends the Annual Meeting with his wife Loretta.



Left: Don Morris presents a proclamation to Ellen Berlin and Miriam Brenner (not pictured) in honor of their retirements from the Gift Shop. Middle: Elizabeth Small presents the Home Store gift of \$9,000 at the Annual Meeting. Right: Marvin Bienstock described the new Dor L' Dor program with a musical presentation.

EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Donald J. Morris



As we concluded the fiscal year for 1991-92, we experience the second consecutive year of a deficiency-free OBRA survey, our employee turnover rate was at an all-time low of 44% and we didn't have

to transfer money from the Endowment Fund to cover an operating shortfall. In view of the extreme volatility in the healthcare delivery system in the United States today, we are blessed to be in such a fortunate circumstance. Certainly there will be challenges that we will be facing as the government continues to withdraw funding for programs for the aged. As our population is aging and our healthcare delivery system is failing, we will be challenged during the next decade as never before. The Home, however, has a rich tradition, a strong commitment to excellence and a history of responding to challenges. Our community and Board have never turned away from challenges and we will marshal our energy and resources to meet the new challenges of the '90s.

To better respond to both the changes in healthcare and the expanding needs in our communities, we have regionalized our Board with three areas covering North and South Carolina. Through our Regional Board, we will be working more closely with the local communities, responding to needs, and generating greater input into the planning process of the Home. The Blumenthal Jewish Home remains unique, serving a Jewish population of just .3% of the total population in the Carolinas. The regionalization of our Board should better enable us to be more closely connected to the needs and aspirations of our communities.

BLUMENTHAL JEWISH HOME OPERATING REPORT

	FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 1992 UNAUDITED	FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 1991
Operating Revenue	\$5,893,545	\$5,480,100
Operating Expenses	6,331,970	5,901,040
Bond Interest	<u>149,640</u>	<u>238,760</u>
Oper. Deficit	(588,065)	(659,700)
Fed. Contributions	201,960	199,825
Matching Grant W-S Foundation	- 0 -	110,370
Annual Memberships	31,185	27,675
CAJWM & Sisterhood Donations	12,700	11,325
Gift Shop/Home Store	13,500	14,500
Other Donations	23,695	15,845
Other Non-Operating Revenue	<u>11,530</u>	<u>10,465</u>
Excess Expend. Over Revenue	<u>\$ (293,495)</u>	<u>\$ (269,695)</u>

MINUTES OF THE TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING OF BLUMENTHAL JEWISH HOME OCTOBER 25, 1992

The Twenty-Seventh Annual Meeting of the Membership of Blumenthal Jewish Home was held at the Home on October 25, 1992.

President Ellis Berlin called the meeting to order at 12:00 noon. He extended to all a warm welcome and thanked Wayne Dieser and his entire staff for a delicious brunch. A booklet was given to everyone present with report summaries by various officers and committee chairs. Sam Jacobson gave the invocation.

President Berlin presented his Annual Report.

The Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on October 27, 1991 were reviewed by Rob Merenbloom. Dan Horvitz moved and Elbert Levy seconded that the minutes be approved. The motion carried.

Audrey Madans presented the membership report for 1991-92. The membership drive this year was quite successful. To date we have 880 members. Life members total 238 and 12 of these are new life memberships. Funds received to date total \$36,791 which is 47% above our projected goal of \$25,000.

Bruce Scholsberg summarized the activities of the Development Department. He emphasized that one of his primary goals is to make the Development Department more of a "volunteer" program where community members will personally help with fund raising. We want to raise \$2.4 million over the next year. Our major gifts campaign and our "under \$25,000" campaign are continuing. We hope to strengthen our bonds with all the communities through the Regional Boards and through the Dor L'Dor program. Mr. Schlosberg thanked Herman Blumenthal for his untiring efforts in reaching out to all the Jewish communities in the state on behalf of the Home.

Don Morris presented a framed proclamation to Ellen Berlin and Miriam Brenner in honor of their retirement after twenty years of volunteer service in managing the Home's gift shop. At this time, Ellen Berlin presented a \$3,500 check to the Home representing proceeds from the gift shop this year.

Audrey Madans presented the report for the Carolinas Association of Jewish Women and Men. On behalf of the association, Mrs. Madans presented Ellis Berlin with a check for \$6,000 which we raised through annual membership dues and a check for \$8,500 which represented proceeds from the Remembrance Fund. Mrs. Madans recognized Bobby Damsky for his fine work on the scholarship committee in connection with the Sophie Einstein Memorial Loan Fund and Lenore Stein for her work with CAJE. Special thanks were extended to Hugo Rosenberger upon his retirement from his 10-year chairmanship of the association's Cadillac raffle.

Elizabeth Small presented the Home Store gift of \$9,000 to President Ellis Berlin.

Dan Horvitz, chair of the Nominating Committee, presented his report. The following slate of officers was presented to serve for 1992-93:

President	Lewis Eisenstadt	Greenville, SC
President Elect	Audrey Madans	Charlotte, NC
1st Vice President	Al Herman	Greensboro, NC
2nd Vice President	Sandra Deckelbaum	Raleigh, NC
Secretary	Rob Merenbloom	Winston-Salem, NC
Treasurer	Albert Jacobson	Greensboro, NC

The following were nominated for three-year terms as members of the Board of Trustees:

Jerome Epstein	Winston-Salem, NC
Al Herman	Greensboro, NC
Albert Jacobson	Greensboro, NC
Rob Merenbloom	Winston-Salem, NC
Jan Samet	High Point, NC

There being no nominations from the floor, the above nominees were accepted by the membership.

Retiring Board members Louis Gottlieb, Mimi Levin, and Moses Luski and Board member Dalton Ruffin who had to resign during the year were thanked for their contributions to the Home. In addition, retiring Presidential Appointees Jonathan Julian, Arthur Kurtz, Michael Pollak, Hugo Rosenberger, and Kenneth Zeitler were thanked for their service.

Lewis Eisenstadt, newly elected President, reported that he is pleased to accept the presidency and looks forward to working with staff, residents and all of the membership over the next several years. He commended Ellis Berlin and the staff for their outstanding achievements during the last two years. Mr. Eisenstadt went on to say that the challenges facing us during the upcoming term of office will be to continue to maintain a high level of care for our residents, retire the Capital Campaign debt, retain dedicated and highly skilled staff, enlarge resources of the Endowment Fund to offset the decline of resources available from government and federations, cope with proliferating regulatory requirements, and develop and update our protocols for dealing with infection control and the increasing frailty of the population. Finally, Mr. Eisenstadt said that we need to broadcast our high level of care throughout our communities.

Marvin Bienstock presented musical entertainment which featured songs about the newly established Dor L'Dor program.

Sandi Rothman distributed door prizes and announced the five CAJWM raffle winners. Ms. Rothman announced that the raffle had netted \$8,000 for the Home. She thanked Hugo Rosenberger for his 10-year tenure as chairperson of the raffle and announced that Esther and Arthur Frank will be assuming this position.

The benediction was given by Lewis Eisenstadt.

The meeting was adjourned with the election by the Board of Trustees of officers and board members to follow immediately.

Respectfully submitted,

Rob Merenbloom, Secretary



Henry Hirschmann of Charlotte Visits Birthplace in Germany

Henry Hirschmann and his son Paul, both of Charlotte, N.C., traveled to Gross-Krotzenburg (near Frankfurt-Main), Germany, Nov. 7-16, 1992, to visit Henry's boyhood home and attend the rededication of the synagogue where generations of Henry's family worshipped and Henry became a Bar Mitzvah. The rededication took place on the 9th of November when the Yahrzeit of Kristallnacht was observed.

Cynthia Chapman delivered her poem, printed below, to Henry Hirschmann as he and Paul were preparing to depart.

For Your Journey

In the quiet
dark morning
fear shakes me
from a dream
into nagging worry
about your flight.

It is not the plane
I doubt
or the pilot,
but the place,
your destination
to a land
of darkness.

Soon you go
across the ocean
and fifty years
of calendar pages
will rustle
in your heart.

You will stand
on German soil,
the Fatherland
soaked with
Jewish blood,
and your son,
born in another land
will be beside you.

We watch the news,
read the papers,
and worry
about the arms

raised again
saluting hatred-
now your wife
and I wonder
must you go?

(Remembering,
before Kristallnacht
we did not think
it would come
to such a state,
where Jews
had lived for centuries
and fought and died
for German land and home.)

At every seder
we speak of the
oppressor
who rises
generation
after
generation
to destroy us.
Never again
we pray,
as we have always
prayed.

Now as you pack
your luggage
the ghosts of grief
and fear
chatter
in the chilling
autumn wind.

Our tradition
teaches hope
even on the
Ninth of Av,
and so,
we who wait
behind will cling
to hope
for your
safe passage.

Go in peace,
dear friend,
return,
please God,
in safety
soon
from that place
where you first
spoke German
and Hebrew,
and said your
Haftorah.

Show your son
in pride
where you were
Bar Mitzvah,
and then
come back
(in joy)
to your home
and friends again.

Cynthia M. Chapman
11/6/92



(left) Naomi Rozen of Israel, whose grandparents came from the town, gave a Chanukah Menorah to the synagogue for its museum. Holding the Menorah is Heinz Daume, Protestant minister in the town. To his left is Mayor Reuter. They are standing next to a table of Yahrzeit candles lit during the ceremony.



(L. to R.) Paul and Henry Hirschmann stand on the **bimah** in the former synagogue under the words, "Know before whom you stand." The synagogue building built in 1826, was rededicated and will be used as a cultural center.

Paul, a computer analyst, chairs the Young Leadership Development program of the Jewish Federation of greater Charlotte.

Henry, who owns a wholesale gift business, is an active member of the North Carolina Council on the Holocaust.



Paul Hirschmann of Charlotte stands between gravestones of his great great great grandparents Sara and Hirsch Hirschman. The cemetery is located in a forest in Grosskrotzenburg, Germany.

The (Jewish) Sports Hall of Fame

by Les Gordan

The Jewish Sports Hall of Fame at the Wingate Institute for Physical Education and Sport in Netanya, Israel, honors great Jewish athletes. In addition, there are various Jewish sports halls of fame across the United States which feature national and regional Jewish sports heroes. These institutions keep alive the memory of great sporting accomplishments, but they imply that Jews cannot compete with Christian and other athletes. In effect, these Jewish organizations are saying that these special Jewish sports halls of fame are needed because Jewish people will never see significant numbers of Jewish athletes in places like Cooperstown, New York, or Canton, Ohio, the sites of the baseball and football halls of fame. It may well be that Jews have played a significant role in the history of, say, badminton, but when it comes to any major sport, forget it.

Just one time, wouldn't it be nice not to need a Jewish sports hall of fame? Wouldn't it be great to have Jewish athletes so good that they wouldn't need a special Jewish Hall of Fame? A sport where they could hold their own against the best in the world. Not a minor sport like curling, but a major sport; and not a regional institution covering, say, Forest Hills, New York, but an internationally recognized hall of fame.

Well, there is such a hall of fame. A place where the Jewish athletes do not just hold their own, but exceed it. In fact, a place where their percentage in the membership rolls is several times the percentage of Jews in the general population.

That place is called the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, Mass. It is the preeminent hall of fame covering the sport of the nineties in both the collegiate and professional levels.

Jews comprise about 2.5% of the United States population, yet Jewish sportsmen hold down more than three

times (7.7%) that percentage of the membership rolls in this hall of fame.

The Springfield institution has four categories in which individuals enter: players, coaches, contributors (owners, general managers, promoters, etc.), and referees. Skeptics may jump at the contributors' category. They may say that there have always been many Jewish owners and promoters, but they are certainly not real athletes.

It is true that the contributors' category has a double-digit percentage of Jews with 12.2%. However, Jews also represent 14.3% of the referees, 9.3% of the coaches, and 4.8% of the players. In fact, twenty years ago, Jews represented more than 12% of the players alone.

A question of trivia: Who is the shortest member of the Basketball Hall of Fame? Hint: He's Jewish. If you answered Abe Saperstein, the founder, owner and coach of the Harlem Globetrotters, who stood 5 feet 5 inches, you would be wrong. The correct answer is Barney Sedran, a player inductee to the Hall, who stood 5 feet 4 inches. Nat Holman, another Jewish player inductee to the Hall, was quoted in the *Encyclopedia of Jews in Sports*: "Barney Sedran, in my humble opinion, was the greatest little man who ever played the game. He could do anything. A great outside and inside shooter, smart passer, great ball handler, deceptive and very fast. He was always in motion, setting up play situations which resulted in baskets. He used his mind at all times and for a little man withstood the punishment that was characteristic of the rough and tumble contact game of the pros in the early days of the sport. He could do everything. He was the most complete player of his time. He was afraid of none and dared all."

A second trivia question: During the 1990 National Basketball Association playoffs, all the players wore black strips of cloth on their uniform

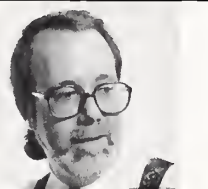


jerseys. Why did they do this? If you answered that it was a Black power protest, you would be wrong. The correct answer, as my son so succinctly put it, was "because a Jewish guy died." Larry Fleisher, the long-time general counsel of the NBA Players Association, had recently died. The players wore this badge of mourning as a sign of respect for a man who had done so much to improve their lot. For over a quarter of a century, Fleisher acted on behalf of the players' association without pay. During his involvement with the association, the average player's salary rose from \$20,000 in 1961 to over \$600,000 in 1988. In addition to raising salaries, he worked to obtain better pension, severance and disability benefits for players. These are very crucial issues to athletes whose average career length was, and continues to be, shorter than either baseball or football.

So, the next time you're wondering why there isn't a Jewish basketball hall of fame, remember that there is one. You just didn't know about it until now.

Les Gordan, a Charlotte accountant, has written several articles for the *Times Outlook* on Jews in sports.

Roaming the Past with David Schulman



It's hard enough for most of us to express our true feelings in a language we know how to speak. What about in another language? At a reception a few weeks ago, Ben Rudow, a man adept in the skills of Yiddish, walked up and put me to the test. He asked me in very quick-fire Yiddish if I had learned to speak the language during the summer classes I participated in. As I grappled, struggled and strained for my mind to put together three or four words in a coherent manner, I felt jarred and off balance. Sure, I had dabbled in Spanish and German under academic environments, but this was different. Being literally speechless was something akin to discovering you are in a bus station in your polka dot boxer shorts. Permit me to take you back in time and see ways our "greena" ancestors dealt with this problem. Without the benefit of computerized pocket language calculators daily life must have been quite a trip, as we used to say in the sixties.

It's now the early to mid 1900s as we tune our radios to the melodious sounds of WEVD, named for Eugene Victor Debs of the American Labor Movement. Nicholas Saslavsky, called Nissen by most, held the post of musical director of WEVD Radio, owned by the *Jewish Daily Forward*. His daughter, Shirley Cohen of New Orleans and Asheville, recently related to me the importance this Yiddish station had to millions of immigrants. It had been a lifeline to many who had little money and even less grasp of their new country's language. She remembers the radio station being tuned in almost constantly in her home and others. Programs included the "Yiddisha Philosophe" who answered letters, apparently the "Dear Abby" of his day and fondly called "Dr Agony" in Shirley's home. There was the "Days of our Lives"

type soap opera but called "Tzouris ba Lighten" with Nachem Stutchkoff. Another "soap" of Yiddish radio that Gene Hayes of Charlotte remembers was "Mein Mutter and Ich." Gene says he still remembers the "glichen in harts" he saw in his grandmother as she listened intently. For humor, there was always Menasha Skulnik who sometimes played a nebbish role of "Uncle David" in other humorous programs.

The WEVD advertisements included lots of off-the-cuff remarks and live remote broadcasts at supermarkets, sometimes with Molly Picon showing up to give away prizes such as teaspoons. The ads for clothing stores with "Sam the man who made the pants too long" entertained.

Mitchell Levitsky read the news every day on the radio from the *Jewish Daily Forward*. Once Nissen and some of the other crew wanted to play a joke on Levitsky. They substituted a year-old newspaper without his knowledge. Reportedly, Levitsky read it for a long time before he recognized the joke. Shirley says WEVD used to be located on an upper floor of the Hotel Dixie which didn't have the reputation of the Plaza.

Manischewitz and Horowitz-Margaret, competing Matzah makers, sponsored many programs including Hebrew Opera. WEVD was not totally Yiddish. At times it would have an Italian music program. For this Nicholas Saslavsky took the pseudonym, Nicolai Zassi, and conducted the small live orchestra.

Communication was not just through the radio. Cohen remembers the crowd that used to gather at Levy's Music Store to discuss politics and more. Today, instead of that camaraderie we prefer to watch the fictionalized version on the "Cheers" television show in our living rooms reaching out not for humans but for

the remote channel changer.

Hundreds of miles away from WEVD, in Oxford, North Carolina, another way immigrants learned to communicate was seen. Mrs. A. F. Klein (Min) of Greensboro has written a book entitled, *Thoughts at Random*. In it she talks about a wonderful human being, "Miss May" White. In the early nineteen hundreds, "Miss May" taught the first grade in Oxford and was presented with quite a challenge. Five immigrant Russian Jewish children had arrived, ages six to twelve. Nothing had prepared her for this situation. The children spoke no English; "Miss May," no Russian or Yiddish. Long before child psychology came on the scene, "Miss May's" innate knowledge was put to work. Her warmth for her fellow men, aura of love, and inexhaustable patience took charge. "Miss May" was a very stately lady in her long pastel dresses with high collars and Elgin watch attached. Gradually this elegant lady taught the Russians including Min to understand English. Sometimes this took facial expressions and forms of sign language. Min Klein still can remember the thrill of reading her first book in English entitled *The Sunbonnet Babies*. Those five Russian children grew up and some left Oxford, but they never forgot Miss



Nicholas Saslavsky

May White who died at age 96 in 1985. Min Klein saw "Miss May" in the early 1980s and took the time to ask her the secret of teaching those immigrants. "Miss May" said it was no special secret. "Love them and teach them and they will eventually learn and enjoy it." To the *meyvns* in Washington today with all their fancy educational agendas with standardized tests to judge all, I ask for a moment of respectful silence for the way it ought to be (pardon me, Rush Limbaugh.)

Bookstores today are filled with books on communication. How to talk to your child, your dog, your plant, and your mother-in-law are big sellers. I am a believer in the collective experience. The theory that though we may not have cognizant memory of it, the experiences of generations before us have direct and consequential impact on our actions today. I cannot say that when I used to do remote radio broadcasts from my clothing stores that I really saw Molly Picon over in the corner saying, "Nu already, buy something," to my customers. What I am becoming more and more sure of is that whether we see it or not we are our mothers' and fathers' children and our great great grandmothers', too.

In honor of all those who saw Ellis Island years ago and had to struggle to say just the right words so they would not be sent back to the horrors they left, let us have a bit more patience the way "Miss May" had when our loved ones today communicate to us they are sad, frustrated or angry. Let us appreciate the ease of rolling down our electric car windows and asking for simple directions to where we are going. Let us take a little less pride in the dollar amount we give deserving charities, and give more attention to communicating to the mate who sleeps next to us each night that we care for them just the way they are. Communication is a precious commodity and words not spoken when you have the chance are communications never heard. Lay this magazine down right now and pick up the phone or walk to the next room. Wallow in the luxury that you

know the language and have what it takes to communicate; something those before us did not have. And as the Nike ad suggests, "Just Do It."

DAVID SCHULMAN is interested in hearing your stories.

Please write or call him at the address below. He is particularly interested in simple anecdotes and stories about the Yiddish Theater, and the life of Jewish immigrants, particularly those that moved South. Please call (704) 254-9250 or write 3701 Timber Trail, Asheville, N.C. 28804.

TRADITION

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In a very large deep skillet, over medium-high heat, heat the oil, then saute the onion until tender but not browned. Push onion to one side of the skillet and add the meat cubes. Brown them on all sides. While they are browning, combine the water, lemon juice, curry powder, salt, ginger and cinnamon in a large measuring cup. When meat has browned, add the liquid mixture to the skillet with the dried fruits and raisins. Stir so that the onion, meat and fruit are evenly distributed.

Bring the liquid to a boil, then cover the skillet tightly and lower the heat so that the liquid just simmers. Cook the curry, stirring occasionally, for about 1 hour, or until meat and fruits are very tender, and the liquid has formed a thick sauce. (If it cooks dry before meat is tender, add a bit of water.) Dice one of the bananas and stir it gently into the curry.

Transfer to a large serving platter. Cut second banana into thin crosswise slices around the curry and serve with rice.

The Jewish Holiday Cookbook by Gloria Kaufer Greene

Nut-Wild Rice Pilaf

2 pkgs. (6 oz. each) long grain wild rice mix
1 cup toasted chopped nuts
1/2 cup sliced pitted ripe olives
1/4 cup vegetable oil
Whole nuts and pitted ripe olives for garnish

Prepare long grain and wild rice according to package directions. Cool. Add nuts and sliced olives; toss to mix with rice; cover and chill. Remove from refrigerator about 30 minutes before serving.

Immediately before serving, drizzle oil over rice mixture; toss. Turn into a lettuce-lined bowl and garnish with whole nuts and olives. Serves 12.

Jewish World, Long Island, N.Y.

Carrot Applesauce Cake

2-1/4 cups flour
1 Tbsp. baking soda
1 tsp. salt
1 Tbsp. cinnamon
1 tsp. nutmeg
4 eggs
3/4 cup vegetable oil
2 cups sugar
1 tsp. vanilla
1 jar (15 oz.) applesauce
3 cups shredded carrots
1 cup golden raisins
1 cup chopped nuts

In a large bowl, mix flour, baking soda, salt, cinnamon and nutmeg. Set aside. With an electric mixer, beat eggs. Stir in oil, sugar and vanilla. Add applesauce and carrots; mix well. Add to flour mixture, stirring just enough to moisten. Fold in raisins and 1/4 cup nuts. Pour into a greased 9" x 13" pan. Top with remaining nuts. Bake in preheated 350° oven for 45 minutes or until a wooden pick inserted in center comes out clean. Frost if desired.

Jewish World, Long Island, N.Y.

JWB Jewish Chaplains Council Provides Kosher Meals to Jewish Service Men and Women Serving in "Operation Restore Hope"

Sensitive to special dietary requirements of various members of the Armed Forces, the Department of Defense has commissioned its food laboratories to develop field rations—Meals-Ready-to-Eat (MREs)—which will meet the requirements of Hindus, Buddhists, Moslems and Jews, as well as vegetarians.

As American Forces have been called to respond to "Operation Restore Hope"—famine relief in Somalia—the JWB Jewish Chaplains Council, a service of the Jewish Community Centers Association of North America—has also acted promptly by providing several hundred kosher MREs for Jewish troops who have been called to serve in the African country.

Kibbitzing—Community News

Temples

Middle East Expert to be 1993 I.D. Blumenthal Memorial Scholar-in-Residence Temple Israel, Charlotte, N.C. Jan. 22-24

by Lorrie Klemons

Dr. Kenneth Stein, a leading authority on the history of modern Israel, the Arab-Israeli conflict, and modern Arab politics will be this year's speaker at the I.D. Blumenthal Memorial Scholar-in-Residence program which will be held Jan. 22-24 as part of Temple Israel's People Power Weekend in Charlotte.

Each year the Scholar-in-Residence program enriches the Charlotte Jewish community by bringing in a renowned person with expertise in an area of Jewish interest. Dr. Stein's program will be no exception!

Dr. Stein is an associate professor of Near Eastern history and political science and Middle East Fellow of the Carter Center at Emory University in Atlanta. Dr. Stein established the International Studies Center while at Emory, was the first director of the Carter Center, and served as President Carter's primary advisor on Middle Eastern affairs. In 1992, he became the director of the newly established Middle East Research Program at Emory.

Stein is known for his skills as a writer and lecturer as well. His books include *The Land Question in Palestine, 1917-1939*; *The Blood of Abraham: Insights into the Middle East* (in collaboration with President Carter); and *Making Peace among Arabs and Israelis: Lessons from Fifty Years of Negotiating Experience*; The last publication became a guideline for the most recent negotiations.



Dr. Kenneth
Stein
Emory
University

In March, August and November of 1992, he visited Israel and several Arab states in connection with work on his current book. He will, without doubt, bring fresh new observations into the current situation in the Middle East. Dr. Stein will be discussing aspects of the Mideast and will be welcomed enthusiastically by anyone who has heard him speak in the past at Temple Israel or Wildacres.

Everyone is invited to have dinner with Dr. Stein at Temple Israel at 6:30 p.m., Friday evening, Jan. 22, and to hear him address the congregation during Friday night service. On Saturday, Jan. 23, Dr. Stein will speak from the pulpit during Saturday morning services, after which the community is invited to enjoy a Shabbat luncheon of *cholent* with Dr. Stein, followed by an informal gathering for questions and answers. On Jan. 24, Sunday minyan at 9 a.m. will be followed by breakfast and yet another presentation by Dr. Stein at 10:30 a.m.

Children's activities will be available throughout the weekend. Call Roz Cooper to RSVP at (704) 362-2796.

There is no fee for admission to any of Dr. Stein's presentations. There will, however, be a cost for the Friday evening dinner and Sunday breakfast.

Friday dinner: \$10.00 per adult; \$4.50 per child (3-12 years; under three, free). RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED FOR FRIDAY MEAL. Your check is your reservation, payable to Temple Israel-People Power Weekend. Please mail to Temple Israel, 4901 Providence Rd., Charlotte, N.C. 28270.

Sunday breakfast (payable at door): \$4.00 per adult; \$2.00 per child.

If both dinner and breakfast are paid for *in advance*, the price is: \$12.00 per adult; \$5.50 per child.

For more information, please call Beryl at Temple Israel, (704) 362-2796.

Ohev Zion Synagogue Martinsville, Va.

by Tamara Miller

Ohev Zion Synagogue in Martinsville, Va., wants to sell approximately 90 prayer books for the Days of Awe. These *mahzorim* are published by the Rabbinical Assembly and are edited by Rabbi Jules Harlow. They are in very good condition. Price is negotiable. Please contact Tamara Miller for details, (919) 282-7272.

Ohev Zion Congregation celebrated its second Annual Chanukah party on Dec. 20 at the home of Don and Mary Grayson. The house was alive with *latkes*, Chanukah lights,

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holiday songs and children of every age and size. Camaraderie and fun highlighted the evening. We reviewed the story of Chanukah and decided that there were many miracles associated with Chanukah. Perhaps the greatest miracle of all was the very fact that the Maccabees wanted Judaism to survive. It is a miracle for every generation to reflect on.

January brings new programs. A Shabbat family dinner and service will take place on Friday, Jan. 15. A bagel brunch and congregational meeting will coincide with a program on the Holocaust on Sunday, Jan. 24. Paul Gould, resident of Greensboro, N.C., and a witness to the events of World War II, will tell his story to the young members of our community as well as to our adult population.

February will provide us reflection time as we get together on Thursday evening, Feb. 4 at the home of Vivian and Larry McDorman to discuss "The Subtleties of Anti-Semitism." The adult education program is part of our continuing effort to educate our adult community.

The senior Sunday School students are studying the Holocaust and its implications for today's youth. They have established a *tzedakah* project to raise funds for the new Holocaust Museum in Washington, D.C. Their goal is to become a founding contributing member and to organize a trip to D.C. when the museum opens. The students are Matthew Grayson, Bernard Becker, Matthew Davidson, Sean Ross, Wesley Kanoy. Don Grayson and Bob Becker are their supportive teachers.

Bnai Israel Congregation Wilmington, N.C.

Bnai Israel Congregation is holding Intergenerational Events, Dor L'Dor, the weekend of Jan. 30 and 31.

"An Invitation to Fathers and Sons, and Members of the Congregation" is planned for Saturday, Jan. 30 at 8:30 a.m. Young men, ages 12-18, are invited to attend Shabbat morning services with their fathers. Participants will be honored with an *aliyah*.

A special Kiddush will follow the service.

"An Invitation to Mothers and Daughters, All Women and Members of Sisterhood" will take place Sunday, Jan. 31 from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. Young women, ages 12-18, with their mothers, are invited to a discussion of *Deborah, Golda and Me*, the book written by Letty Cottin Pogrebin. Refreshments will be served. The discussion will be held at the home of Dr. Barbara Waxman, RSVP (919) 763-7469.

Temple Beth El Charlotte, N.C.

by Lynne Cojac

Our interim rabbi, Rabbi Robert W. Shapiro, began his service with our congregation in mid-November. Rabbi Shapiro and his wife, Charlotte, come from Marblehead, Mass., where Rabbi Shapiro had served as religious leader for the past thirty years. The Shapiros have four adult children, David, Joel, Tamar and Sarena.

Rabbi Shapiro's higher education began at New York University with a Bachelor of Science in Psychology/Jewish Studies in 1951 and a Bachelor of Hebrew Letters, Hebrew Union College, Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1955. His ordination as Rabbi and Master of Hebrew Letters took place in 1957 and he received a Doctorate of Ministry, Pastoral Psychology from Andover Newton Theological School, Newton, Mass., in 1974. His Doctor of Divinity from Hebrew Union College Jewish Institute of Religion was awarded in 1982.

Our congregation is lucky to have found a man of such experience, education and wisdom to lead at this transitional time. We welcome Rabbi and Mrs. Shapiro to Charlotte.

On Jan. 2, the Bar Mitzvah of Jacob Berkowitz took place. Jacob is the son of Dr. Gerald Berkowitz and Nancy Anderson.

The Bat Mitzvah of Lauren Schiffman was on Jan. 9. Lauren's proud parents are Portia and Samuel Schiffman.

The January Family Service will be on Jan. 15 and will be hosted by grades 2-5 from Temple Beth El's Religious School.

Feb. 6 is the date for the Annual Junior High Shabbaton which will take place at our Temple. MAFTY Youth Groups from N.C. and surrounding states will gather here for exciting and educational programs.

The Charlotte Jewish Preschool will hold its Silent Auction Dinner Dance on Feb. 27 at Temple Beth El. The evening will feature a Western Theme. Kaye Yaffe, (704) 541-3144, can answer your questions about this event.

Sisterhood News

The Temple Beth El Sisterhood Meeting will be held on Jan. 20 at 3 p.m. This meeting will take place at the Mint Museum where we will partake of High Tea. A nominal charge will be the cost of admission. Please call the Temple office for details.

The Sisterhood Older Adult Luncheon and Sing-Along will be on Wednesday, Feb. 17. If you would like to participate or know of someone who might like to be included, please call Peggie Rovman at (704) 552-2010.

Sisterhood Sabbath will be held in February. As of this writing, the date is still tentative. Please watch the paper or call the Temple office for further information on what promises to be a beautiful service.

Sisterhood's first Attic Sale in the new building was a great success, yielding in excess of five thousand dollars which will benefit our Religious School.

A family in need was "adopted" by Sisterhood for Chanukah. Fixings for a Chanukah Dinner as well as gifts for all family members were provided.

The Sisterhood Chanukah Dinner at the Temple was delicious and had well over one hundred people in attendance.

Brotherhood Events

Temple Beth El's Brotherhood is ambitiously seeking to expand its membership with a goal of two hundred members. A Paid-Up Membership Dinner is being planned and will be free to all those who join. In the planning stages are a men's Hilton

Head weekend, an in-town Golf/Tennis outing, and an all-star softball game against Temple Israel followed by a family picnic. In addition to these special programs, monthly Sunday breakfast meetings continue as do plans for Bingo. Barry Frucht will be happy to talk with you at (704) 541-8048.

Social Club News

New Year's Eve was celebrated in style with the Annual Joint Social Club Meeting of Temple Beth El and Temple Israel. A luscious buffet dinner accompanied by music and all the New Year's Eve amenities were enjoyed at the outing which was held in Myrtle Beach.

The new slate of Social Club officers was introduced at the group's Chanukah Dinner. Rinky and Leo Glanzman will be at the helm as co-presidents. Susan and Hardy Spatz, Shirley Fytelson and Lonie Kahn are the other officers who will plan the group's activities for 1993.

Temple Beth Shalom/ Hickory Jewish Center Hickory, N.C.

by Terri Sullivan

Temple Beth Shalom celebrated Chanukah in a big way on Dec. 20. Our annual Chanukah party included *latkes* made in our very own kitchen that morning! Seventy to eighty people, many of whom were children, enjoyed games, good food and fellowship as well as a gift exchange among the Sunday School age children. Our decorations were, as usual, mostly original art work from the Sunday Schoolers. Linda Guttler, principal, once again organized our party and made sure it was a big success. This year Jean Mandle contributed her time to the Sunday School by helping the children make a reusable Menorah out of felt and decorating it as they wished. The Menorahs lined an entire wall during the party and were later taken home for everyone to enjoy.

Our December Rabbi's Weekend was slightly amended since our Rabbi Cohen was snowed in at the airport in

We miss hearing from many places in the Carolinas where we have readers. We welcome news of people and events in your community. Please send us articles.

The Editors

Philadelphia. As a result, Phil Datnoff led our Friday Night Service. Saturday night's covered dish dinner and adult education included a speaker from UJA. Fortunately, our weekend was a success, snow or not!

For many years, our community has volunteered to work in local hospitals on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day so that the regular Christian volunteer force can spend time with their families. This year we worked the front desk and gift shop at Catawba Memorial Hospital. We work in shifts and try to include as many members as want to work. It is a fun project and always greatly appreciated by the hospital. Elaine Zerden organized times and people for us this year.

As December comes to an end, we look back on 1992 as a good year for Temple Beth Shalom. And 1993 promises to be filled with much excitement and good times to come.

Temple Beth ha-Tephila Asheville, N.C.

by Marjorie Schachter

The Saturday Friendship Circle

On Nov. 7 the group continued its examination of *Liberal Judaism*, the book by Eugene Borowitz. Material on Chapter 4, "What Do We Expect in the Messianic Age?" was considered. At the December meeting, there was discussion of the question "Is There Life After Death?" from Chapter 5.

The Sisterhood

Special thanks were extended to Sara Goldstein for her generous contribution to Sisterhood in memory of her sister Jeanette Klein.

President Irene Braun praised Hilde Hoffman and Ruth Weber for so efficiently chairing the Holiday reception and Break-the-fast, and warmly

thanked everyone else for their assistance. Hilde, too, expressed her thanks to everyone who helped in any way.

A series of small group meetings were held at the homes of Temple board members for the purpose of giving Rabbi and Susan Ratner the opportunity of getting to know the Congregation and vice versa. The meetings, which took place in October, November and December, were arranged by Shirley Berdie with her typical organizational expertise.

The Brotherhood

Les Schachter, Brotherhood president, announced that the speaker at the Jan. 24 Brotherhood Brunch will be Chief Beavers, head of the Asheville Police Department.

Plans were made for a Brotherhood service on Feb. 5 celebrating the cen-

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The Religious School

"The Religious School is off to a wonderful start this year," said Jean Hansman, school principal. Enrollment has grown, there is a program of multi-activity weekly assemblies in place, and new Jewish games, books, puzzles and other items have been ordered. In an enterprising move, Mrs. Braverman took her class to a pottery to make Menorahs for Chanukah gifts.

The family service on Nov. 20 highlighted the consecration of our youngest and newest religious school students. They were Molly Dezern, Diana Gergel, Lauren Hollifield, Molly Hollifield, Erin Katell, Chad Lebensburger, Sarah Lebensburger, Elliot Maurer, Dena Ratner, Micah Ratner, Rebecca Ratner, Tommy Robertson and Valerie Robertson. They and their parents were called up to the *bimah*, affording them the chance to share the joy of Jewish education with everyone in attendance.

In November, a special program for the oldest class featured Temple members Fred and Hilde Hoffman, who told of their childhood experiences in Germany at the time of Kristallnacht.

The Chanukah Party

Jointly sponsored by the Sisterhood, Brotherhood and the Religious School, a gala party was held on Dec. 13 to celebrate the holiday, with an abundance of *latkes* courtesy of master chef Bob Janowitz, plenty of doughnuts and lots of fun. The children performed skits, Ruth Sher led an enthusiastic sing-along, and Allen Sher read one of Isaac Singer's wonderful stories. Thanks for a huge success go to the Shers, the children, the Religious School teachers and to Rabbi Ratner and his wife Susan. Thanks are also due to Frank Gilreath and Ruth Weber for their part in making the arrangements.

"Ask the Rabbi" Shabbat

Starting Friday evening, Nov. 23, a new monthly program called "Ask the Rabbi" was initiated. Immediately following a short service, Rabbi Ratner met with the congregation to answer

questions. The topic of the first session was "What's Happened to Reform Judaism in the last 25 years, or why do I see Kippot in Services?"

Youth News

The Ratner's son Josh reported in the Temple Bulletin that the Asheville Jewish Youth Group has many new members this year from both the Temple and the Beth Israel Synagogue. He listed some of the organization's activities, including participation in the Nov. 2 food distribution program at the Dreamland Drive-In, the Nov. 13-15 convention in Montgomery, Ala., and meetings at the Jewish Community Center.

Saturday Morning Shabbat Services

Because many congregants requested it, a program of Saturday morning services began at Temple Beth ha-Tephila, starting on Nov. 21.

Mommy and Me Jewish Holiday Program

Created by Susan Ratner and taught for four years in Montana, this new program is "an opportunity for young children and their families to celebrate the Jewish Holidays together." It offers a singing circle, Israeli folk dancing, storytime art projects, cooking, Hebrew, and a chance to learn the basics of each holiday. Susan says, "The program is open to all families in Asheville with young children from birth to 5 years."

Thank You, Sara!

From the Dec. Bulletin: "Temple Beth ha-Tephila will soon be the proud owners of a new computer thanks to the generous donation of Mrs. Sara Goldstein. The Board, Rabbi and the entire congregation express our thanks to you, Sara." Sara is also donating desk furniture for the Temple office.

The Rabbi Gets Around

From the Temple Bulletin: "During the recent literary festival 'In and Out of Tradition' sponsored by the UNCA Center for Jewish Studies, Rabbi Ratner introduced the primary speaker Yehuda Amihai. Rabbi Ratner also participated in the J.C.C. food distribution at the Dreamland Drive-In, met with Pastor Martin of St. Marks, spoke to a group from Mars College, and attended the Federation

Campaign kickoff."

Adult Education

Starting Nov. 8 and scheduled for every other Saturday morning, Dr. Ratner is teaching a course called "Introduction to Judaism." The course is planned to "explore Jewish history, belief, practice, and great Jewish literature through lively discussion in an informal format intended to be both basic and sophisticated for the adult participant."

Congratulations

...to the indispensable Temple custodian Edward Wiley on the birth of his grandson Miles Sloan.

Outreach

The group met on Nov. 1, at the home of Scott and Brenda Lebensburger, and discussed the Chanukah/Christmas holidays. They held their next meeting on Jan. 9, at the home of David and Rosine Levitch.

Membership

A welcome-to-our-Temple covered dish dinner was held on Dec. 18.

The congregation warmly greets new members Victoria L. Levy, and Mrs. Leslie W. Stamper.

Correction

The donor of the handsome Yom Kippur pulpit flowers was incorrectly listed in the last issue: the correct name is Ruth Feldman, who gave the flowers in memory of her husband Dr. Leon Feldman.

Beth Israel Synagogue Asheville, N.C.

by Lillian R. Wellisch

Mazel Tov to our Rabbi Shmuel Birnham and Rebitzin Sarah Birnham. They are the very proud parents of a baby boy, David Shalom. The Congregation will be a big aid in the "kvelling department," along with the Birnhams, as David grows up in our midst.

Mazel Tov to Sherrye and Anthony Coggiola on the birth of a daughter on Nov. 12

Beth Israel Synagogue is proud to congratulate our member Joan Avna Medicott on the publication of her self-help book, *Celibate Wives: Breaking the Silence*. Joan uses the name Joan Avna in her writing and

her co-author is Diana Waltz. *Celibate Wives* is now in bookstores. Joan and Diana recently returned from Toronto where they were guests on "The Shirley Show," Canada's equivalent to "The Oprah Winfrey Show." Joan has appeared on the WLOS Noontime Call-in Talk Show and is in negotiations with "The Maury Povich" and "Phil Donohue" shows. She and her co-author will also be guests on "Sonya Live" on CNN and will appear with Bob Berkowitz of "Real Personal" on CNBC.

Congratulations to David Neuringer who received his Master's Degree in Public Administration recently from the University of North Florida in Jacksonville. Mazel Tov to Debi Miles and Marc Rudow on the birth of a son; to Murri and Raymond Simonetti on the birth of twin boys; and to Golda and Carroll Trantham on the birth of a son. Mazel Tov to Jack and Arlene Doloboff on the birth of a granddaughter, Hannah Rose. She was named for her great-grandmother Rose Posner. She is the daughter of Francine and Gary Miller.

Welcome to our newest members: Dr. Gil and Elizabeth Echelman and their son, Philip; Diana Lieb; and our newest associate members Bernie and Patricia Pomeranc and their sons, Manny, Brian and Reuben.

The Mommy & Me Program

A new program for Asheville is "The Mommy & Me Jewish Holiday Program," created by Susan Ratner, wife of Rabbi Robert Ratner of Congregation Beth ha-Tephila. Mrs. Ratner taught this course for four years in Montana.

This Jewish family celebration program is open to all families in Asheville with young children from birth to five years.

New programs that the Mitzvah Committee is planning are: CRISIS RESPONSE—organize the appropriate response from Beth Israel membership to major crises, such as Hurricane Andrew, Somalia, etc.; BIKKUR CHOLIM—organize Beth Israel volunteers to join Rabbi Birnham in visiting sick congregants in the hospital; and HOSPITALITY HOUSE—organize our members to

provide small meals to the homeless once a month.

Sisterhood

In Sisterhood news, Ruth Baer Cooley, chairman of the Torah Fund of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, commends the following women who have been good friends of the Seminary. Benefactors to the Torah Fund/Residence Halls Campaign for the year 1992-1993 are: Sara Birnham, Ruth Cooley, Carol Deutsch, Norma Feingold, Mildred Jaffe, Barbara Laibson, Mildred Lurey, Deborah Neimkin, Frema Sokoloff and Lillian Wellisch.

Beatrice Gullotta and Pauline Tenenbaum, co-chairs of the Gift Shop, thank the following people for their efforts on behalf of a very successful Book Fair: Helen Benninga, Alison Berkey, Bert Bronstein, Elaine Bronstein, Ellen Carr, Laurie Chess, Sandy Cuba, Elizabeth Davis, Carol Deutsch, Robin Deutsch, Lyn Dunn, Hilda Ehrlich, Terry Feldman, Roz Freedman, Jody Friedman, Marilyn Friedman, Ruth Gaynes, Muriel Gelbert, Sim Gelbert, Joe Gullotta, Adele Gurevich, Michele Heller, Mildred Jaffe, Shirley Kayne, Barbara Kopelman, Barbara Laibson, Diana Lieb, Barbara Levy, Barbara Lewin, Gloria Miller, Murray Miller, Debbie Neimkin, Adele Rose, Maggie Rotman, Ida Schanzer, Sonja Shulimson, Sandy Slosman, Ed Smolowitz, Mary Tabashneck, Morry Tenenbaum, Claire Toreky, Sylvia Weinstein and Lillian Wellisch.

Adult Education

The Education Department, after

offering a class in November in Hebrew for the absolute beginner, continued in December with classes to read more fluently while learning the prayers in the Siddur. And now in 1993, students are encouraged to read and understand the overall meanings of the prayers.

On another level, learning opportunities are offered for those who wish to study Torah. All classes are and were given simultaneously with study and discussion on "Midrash: Rabbinic Lore." Sessions are also held on the hows, whys and wherefores of Jewish prayers. Discussions are being held on the nature of worship, the history of our most important prayers, the philosophy and phenomenon of Jewish Prayer, Hasidic prayer, and a wide variety of other related subjects.

In Adult Education, the three top choices for informal discussion groups were the Jewish Book Club, Midrash and Kabbalah. The discussion group on Midrash will begin in January, and the discussion group on Kabbalah will start later in the spring.

The following is a list of members on the Adult Education Committee: Caren Kessler (chair), Rick Chess, Frank Goldsmith, Sue Greenberg, Sherrill Knight, Ron Manheimer, Adele Rose and M. J. Seidenberg.

The Adult Education Committee sponsored the showing of the acclaimed film, "Wedding in Galilee." This is one of the only films produced in Israel to feature an Arab point of view. The film is an allegory on marriage, tradition, and national identity

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School News

Our exciting new Bet Sefer program, HONORABLE MENSCHEN, is off to a great start! Similar to the TERRIFIC KID program, with a definite Jewish flavor, children will be recognized weekly who demonstrate "mensch-like" qualities: humility, generosity and caring. We are trying to incorporate important Jewish values in the day-to-day activities of our school. The following students have been chosen for Honorable Menschen so far this year; Emma Berkey, Jonah Berkey, Christopher Brockwell, Teva Brown, Melissa Bunnell, Bobby Davis, Genya Fridlyand, Risi Heafner, David Hynes, David Kopelman, Aaron Laibson, Jackie Levinson, Abby Miller, Cassie Miller, Bo Mechanic and Shayna Slosman.

The Bet Sefer program also points with pride to contributions by the children to their Tzedakah Fund from last year to Hurricane Andrew and Somalian Relief. All proceeds from the Joint Chanukah Celebration by Beth Israel and Beth ha-Tephila Religious Schools, co-sponsored by the respective Sisterhoods and the Jewish Community Center, went to the Jewish Distribution Committee—Somalian Relief.

Beginning in January, Bet Sefer students will be taking a mini-course in Israeli Culture, Oral History, World of Difference, or Heroes and Heroines.

Todah Rabbah to: Helen Benninga, for donating books to our children in honor of her birthday; The Ted Liebowitz Children's Educational Fund, for donating an overhead projector; Lenore and Irving Cohn (Laura Knight's aunt and uncle) for the book, *Chernowitz*; Harry Goldberg, for donating bagels to our Honorable Menschen; and Kay Miller for preparing the 1992-1993 Bet Sefer Directory.

Asheville Youth Group

Mazel Tov to the new officers of the Asheville Youth Group: Robin Deutsch, president; Brett Schoen-

berg, vice president; Barbara Banadyyga, secretary; Lauren Seidenberg, treasurer; Tammy Gabai, fundraising; Dana Friedman, historian/photographer; Josh Ratner, communications; Alex Carr and Mandy Lewin, programs. In addition to the officers, these are the new members of the Youth Group: Andrea Berkey, Lauren Braun, Alex Carr, Adam Feingold, Amos Gaynes, Mandy Lewin, Amy Ohana, Josh Ratner, Shana Ratner, and our two Israeli Exchange Students, Liat Gilboa and Hila Koren.

Personals



Sheryl and Burton Manne

Manne-Solomon Wedding Houston, Texas

Sheryl Joy Solomon and Burton George Manne were married on Dec. 1, 1992 at 7:30 p.m. in the Garden Room at Brennan's in Houston, Texas. Rabbi Roy Walter of Congregation Emanu-El in Houston officiated at the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Ruth Solomon of Charlotte, N.C., and A. Melvin Solomon of Salisbury, N.C. The groom is the son of Beverly and Richard Manne of Baytown, Texas.

The bride is a graduate of East Mecklenburg High School in Charlotte and received a Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial Relations

and Psychology from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She holds a Master of Science degree in Industrial Relations from Georgia State University. She is a senior human resources analyst with Shell Oil Company in Houston.

The groom is a graduate of Robert E. Lee High School, Baytown. He received a Bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Texas at Austin and a Doctor of Jurisprudence from the University of Houston School of Law. He is an attorney engaged in private practice in Houston.

Following a wedding trip to Costa Rica, the couple resides in Houston.

Organizations

Klezmer Conservatory Band Concert, March 7 Greensboro, N.C.

The Carolina Theatre in Greensboro will present the Klezmer Conservatory Band on Sunday, March 7 at 7:00 p.m. This performance is funded in part by a grant from the Greensboro Jewish Federation.

Klezmer music developed from the *shtetls* of Eastern Europe, through the emigration to America, in the jazz clubs of American cities and from the stages of Yiddish theatre.

Klezmer music began in medieval Europe, where bands of itinerant Jewish musicians went from town to town playing for Jewish festivals and special events. By the 19th century, klezmer music had become a well-developed musical style, taking its inspiration not only from the synagogue, but from the non-Jewish culture that surrounded it.

In America, immigrant Jewish musicians adapted this music to the new rhythms and instruments they found, creating new klezmer forms. Until the 1940s, klezmer orchestras flourished, but with the new styles of music and the immigrant Jews' desire to appear "American," the klezmer tradition faded.

Today, however, a klezmer revival is in full swing, with the 12-piece Klezmer Conservatory Band playing a prominent role. Fueled by a desire to return to his roots and the inherent appeal of the music, Hankus Netsky, the band's founder, discovered that both a grandfather and an uncle were in Philadelphia klezmer orchestras in the 1920s. In 1980, while an instructor at the New England Conservatory of Music, he formed the band.

Now beginning its twelfth season, the band has performed concerts from coast to coast and has released six albums. The band has made several appearances on American Public Radio's *A Prairie Home Companion* and was the featured band in the 1988 documentary film, *A Jumpin Night in the Garden of Eden*.

Most recently, the band filmed a children's video, with narration by Robin Williams and original music by Hankus Netsky, for Rabbit Ears Productions, which aired nationwide on Showtime Cable Network.

Reserved seat tickets are on sale at the Carolina Theatre Box Office, 310 S. Greene St., Greensboro, N.C. 27401.

For more information, please call Karen Schlosberg, program director at the Greensboro Jewish Federation (919) 272-3189.

Greensboro Jewish Federation

The 1993 Campaign Kickoff Dinner was held on Jan. 9 at Beth David Synagogue.

Guest speaker was John Loftus, attorney, prosecutor with the Justice Department's Nazi War Crimes Unit, and author. His topic was "Fifty Years after the Holocaust: Neo-Nazism—A Cycle of Anti-Semitism."

Irene Cohen chaired the dinner committee whose participants were: Barbara Colchamiro, Susan Green, Ronald Green, Joan LeBauer, Kathy Manning, Sara Lee Saperstein, Corky Segal, Phil Segal, Jr.; Linda Shapiro, Linda Sloan and Tom Sloan.

President of Federation is Tom Sloan; Men's 1993 campaign chairperson, Ron Green; Women's Divi-

sion president, Arlene Fonorow; Women's 1993 campaign chairperson, Kathy Manning; executive director, Marilyn Chandler.

Crown City Chapter ORT Charlotte, N.C.

by Peggie Rovman

"The Female A-Gender" weekend of fun, friendship and frolic takes place on Jan. 16-17.

On Jan. 26, Crown City Chapter ORT celebrates its third birthday with a program/lunch at First Citizens Bank, 128 South Tryon St., Charlotte, beginning at 10 a.m. Gladys Lavitan, famous local book reviewer, will speak on interesting aspects of *The Bible*—romance, intrigue, sex and adventure. Lunch, hosted by First Citizens Bank, will follow the program.

Women are meeting at the JCC parking lot at 9:30 a.m. to carpool for the ride downtown to the bank building.

ORT Sabbath will be observed on Friday night, March 5 at 8 p.m. at Temple Israel. This will be a joint service with members of Temple Beth El also worshipping at Temple Israel.

For more information about ORT, please call Ana Resnik, (704) 846-4431, or Lisa Kaufman, (704) 365-5208.

Hillel Activities at Clemson University Clemson, S.C.

by Dr. Richard Klein
Faculty Advisor

The B'nai B'rith Hillel Student Organization at Clemson University initiated its activities for the Fall 1992 semester with a "Welcome Back Sunday Bagel Brunch" on Aug. 30. It was held at the home of Richard and Joyce Klein. Thirteen students attended this function and were able to plan for this Fall's activities.

On Sept. 22, the group held its first Pizza Party of the academic year. Sixteen students came to this event and consumed a lot of vegetarian pizzas and soda.



*Clemson Hillel President Tamar Berkowitz (from Boston, Mass. area) presents the **LODZ GHETTO** book and video to Dr. Donald McKale, Class of 1941 Memorial Professor of History and noted Holocaust scholar.*

The third function was a Pool (Billiards) Party held on Oct. 21, and ten students participated and demonstrated their skills. It was held at a local billiard parlor.

The fourth and final event for the Fall 1992 semester was a public screening of the video, "Lodz Ghetto: A Documentary of One Place During the Holocaust." The free public screening was held at the Strom Thurmond Institute auditorium on Nov. 18. More than 150 people attended this event, including eleven members of Hillel. Co-sponsoring the event along with the B'nai B'rith Hillel Student Organization was the Clemson University History Department and the Strom Thurmond Institute. The Hillel organization sponsored the reception following the screening.

The award-winning video documentary was produced by Alan Adelson of the Jewish Heritage Project. It was "aired" on the Public Broadcasting System in April 1992 and it provides a microcosmic view of how war was waged against the Jews during the Holocaust. Of the 200,000 Jews who were moved into the Lodz Ghetto in Poland in March 1940, only 887 remained when the ghetto was liberated by the Russians in 1945.

The B'nai B'rith Hillel Student Organization purchased the video and a supporting workbook and donated the materials to the university for use by faculty and students. We strongly

believe that it is essential to "sensitize" university students and others to the evils that occurred during the Holocaust.

Dr. Donald McKale, Class of 1941 Memorial Professor of History at Clemson and a noted scholar of World War II German history, offered extensive and insightful introductory remarks before the screening. He teaches courses on modern German history and will use the video in his classes. Dr. McKale has spoken before Jewish groups on numerous occasions. Steve Afrin, student vice president for computer operations for the Hillel organization, did a fantastic job in coordinating the sound and lighting effects for the screening.

The students are looking forward to a successful Spring 1993 semester.

B'nai Shalom Opens Middle School Program in Greensboro, N.C.

Middle schoolers are children on the threshold of adolescence. They are at once independent and insecure. Often self-conscious, they need acceptance and approval from their peers. Intellectually, they are ready to think about big ideas. Emotionally, they ride a roller coaster of high confidence and low self esteem. Physically, their bodies are changing and along with those changes come new and often confusing feelings.

Ideally, middle school should be a stage upon which all of these emotions can be safely played out. Creating a middle school concept that is both unique to the Triad and sensitive to the special nature of the young adolescent is the aim of B'nai Shalom's middle school.

This past fall, Greensboro's B'nai Shalom initiated a three-year plan to establish a 6th, 7th and 8th grade middle school. Using the Kibbutz model of democracy, the program encourages the growth of the individual student within a supportive and safe community of peers, teachers and advisors. This middle school will be a place where each child will



B'nai Shalom middle school students in their Mondon (student lounge).

play a significant role in shaping his or her school experience, based on strengths and interest, and not on popularity or visibility.

A challenging and individualized program of general and Judaic studies fosters intellectual, emotional and physical development. A literature-based language arts curriculum is linked to social studies units and Jewish history. Mathematics is geared to the student's aptitude and allows each child to move as quickly through algebra as he/she is able to master skills. The science programs emphasize hands-on experience.

Students are able to study Judaism within the context of the school day, freeing them to pursue a variety of after school activities. Art, music and dance are woven throughout the program as part of a cohesive, integrated curriculum. B'nai Shalom is currently investigating community resources in the hopes of including a variety of sports in its program.

Special features of the program, as suggested by the Kibbutz model, include student internships in the community, mediation training, an autonomous student governing body, and a finance committee to work with Junior Achievement to raise funds for class trips. The hub of the middle school is the Mondon (student lounge) where students will meet, eat, study and plan. A B'nai Shalom yearbook will be the purview of the middle schoolers who will write the text, take the photos, and develop them in their own photography lab.

Three major trips are planned. To see firsthand the roots of American democracy, the children will visit Phil-

adelphia, Pa., and meet new friends from the Akiba Academy. While studying civics, government and the evolution of American and Jewish law, Washington, D.C. will be the destination, and the Charles E. Smith School in Rockville, Md., will be the kid-to-kid connection. The eighth grade trip will be to Israel, coinciding with the study of the history of Zionism and Israeli culture. Living and working on a real Kibbutz and touring the country will be the grand finale of B'nai Shalom Middle School.

A second foreign language will be added to the program in addition to Hebrew by the 7th grade. A course in comparative Judaism will be a key component in the Jewish studies curriculum. Students will learn to appreciate the diversity of Jewish life by examining the roots of the Orthodox, Conservative, Reform and Reconstructionist movements.

Events with other non-public schools will be an integral part of the program. Opportunities for joint literature seminars, sporting events, band, chorus and theater productions will be numerous.

B'nai Shalom is committed to hiring fully qualified middle school educators to plan and carry out our unique middle school vision. We hope B'nai Shalom's Middle School will become an attractive choice, not only for current B'nai Shalom students, but for new students as well. This three-year program will be a Jewish educational experience unlike any other, fostering self-confidence, leadership, intellectual growth, and a sophisticated understanding of what it means to be an American and a Jew in the coming decade.

For further information, call Director Susan Cook at (919) 855-5091.

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Lubavitch of North Carolina by Rabbi Yossi Groner

As the month of December corresponds to the Hebrew month of Kislev, it is no wonder that at Lubavitch we were busy with Chanukah and many related activities.

"Uncle Moishe & the Mitzvah Men" came to town a week before Chanukah and warmed the hearts of hundreds of children with their songs and wit, "Uncle Moishe & the Mitzvah Men" is a Jewish musical group which has produced 8 great recordings which are very popular with children all over the USA and Canada. It was truly amazing to see children and adults enthusiastically singing along and joining the fun.

A special thank you goes to Mark Goldsmith who helped coordinate this event and single-handedly recruited the sponsors of the program. A warm thank you goes to all the sponsors who made this event possible.

During the intermission, the large audience was entertained by students of Lubavitch Day School who performed a song and dance with a delightful Chanukah twist.

On Sunday, Dec. 20, a grand Menorah-lighting ceremony took place at the Arboretum Shopping Center in Charlotte. A "Freedom

Torch" was passed through the crowd and used to kindle the 12-foot Menorah. Hot sizzling *latkes* and delicious holiday foods were served to the joyous participants.

At Lubavitch Day School, students were busy advancing in their studies and were making great strides in learning and expanding their scholastic horizons.

One particular activity featured a performance by the second and third graders on the issue of a clean environment. The performance which was produced and directed by their teacher, Ms. Courtney Pickett, brought a message of hope and responsibility to their eager audience. The children were not only superb in their outstanding performance, they conveyed a beautiful lesson to their peers about the wonderful world we live in.

Preschoolers were learning about various cultures in America. Of particular interest was the study of Native Americans. Children made Indian costumes and headgear and practiced steps of Native American dances.

Lubavitch School Open House

On Sunday, Jan. 17 from 1:00-2:30 p.m., Lubavitch Day School & Pre-school will host a school open house for parents, grandparents, friends or anyone who wishes to explore the wonderful world of the best in quality education in Charlotte.

The theme of the day will be "Journey through Literature." Each class will host a variety of programs based on literature and books which will help demonstrate the integrated curriculum concept.

Visitors will be involved in exciting activities of math, science, language and the arts. The program will also feature cooking projects which will allow visitors to touch the subject matter in a physical way. The event is designed to inform the community of the excellent educational quality taught at Lubavitch which has helped the school earn a top notch reputation in the Jewish and general community. For more information, please call our office at (704) 366-3984. The event will be held at both Lubavitch educational sites in Charlotte: The Chabad House, 921 Jefferson Drive, and 6619 Sardis Road.



Lubavitch Day School second and third graders perform, "A Wish for the Future," about the environment.

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Fifteen Hundred Lubavitch Shluchim Convene at Lubavitch World Headquarters

Lubavitcher Rebbe Personally Greets Each Emissary

Fifteen hundred Lubavitch representatives from throughout the United States, Israel, the former Soviet Union, and as faraway as Perth, Australia and Kinshasa, Zaire, convened at Lubavitch World Headquarters in Crown Heights in November for the 10th International Shluchim Conference. The Rabbis, emissaries of the Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson *shlita*, represent hundreds of Jewish communities in over forty countries throughout the world.

The conference dealt with a wide variety of issues and challenges facing world Jewry today. General assemblies, workshops and presentations dealt with such varied topics as Soviet emigres, college programs, the Seven Noahide Laws, adapting modern technology for Jewish outreach, and a myriad of other issues.

Reports were heard from the new Lubavitch offices in Riga, Latvia; Zagreb; Salt Lake City, Utah; Little Rock, Arkansas; and about the burgeoning work in the former Soviet Union. Sessions were held concurrently in English, Yiddish, French and Spanish, and simultaneous translation services were offered.

Moshiach Awareness Programs

In light of the Lubavitcher Rebbe's recent urging to heighten Jewish awareness of Moshiach, the central role it plays in Jewish life, and to inform the public of the impending redemption as seen in recent world events, the underlying theme of the convention was how to prepare the world for Moshiach.

The emissaries shared experiences and exchanged ideas on how clearly to bring this inspiring message to all people. Educational seminars were set up, classes initiated, literature presented for publication and many other innovative programs launched.

The highlight of the convention was on Nov. 23, when, following the

afternoon services, the Rebbe received each of the emissaries as they filed past him for his blessing. This was the first time since suffering a stroke on March 2 that the Rebbe resumed this kind of activity.

The representatives were very pleased to see the Rebbe's vigor and radiant demeanor and his visibly progressing recovery.

A special conference is to be held in February for the Shluchos (women representatives) and an equal number of them are expected to attend.

The Charlotte Jewish Preschool

by Linda Zucker

November and December are traditionally busy months at the preschool and this year was no exception. Thanksgiving celebrations began with a visit from native American, Barbara Locklear, of the Lumbee Indian tribe. Dressed in traditional costume, she showed the children Indian artifacts and spoke of their way of life. Later, everyone joined in an Indian dance. When the children dressed as native Americans and Pilgrims for a Thanksgiving feast on the 25th, they were well versed in Indian ways.

November was Jewish Book month, and in cooperation with the Speizman Jewish Library, the preschool had several of our community leaders come into the classrooms and read to the children. We enjoyed stories from Temple Beth El Religious School Director Arthur Kramer; Temple Israel Religious School Director Roz Cooper; J.C.C. Director Barry Hantman; Federation Director Dan Lepow; Temple Israel President Scott Goodman; Temple Israel Sisterhood's program chairman, Marci Mehlman; Preschool Board members, Jan Weiner, Trish Fleishman and Kaye Yaffe; and Beth Linderman, president of Charlotte B'nai B'rith Women. All of the "celebrity" readers were terrific and deserve a big *thank you* for taking time out from their busy lives for this *mitzvah*.

In December activities for Chanukah took place. The children helped make *latkes*, made and wrapped gifts,



Native American Barbara Locklear speaks to preschoolers about Indian life.

and learned all about the story of Chanukah. A Chanukah Craft party was held on the 16th, with *dreidle* playing and craft making. Then on Dec. 18, Arthur Kramer of Temple Beth El joined us for a very special Chanukah Shabbat.

Coming up in January, be sure not to miss the Charlotte Jewish Preschool's Open House on the 24th from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Take this opportunity to hear an address by Preschool Director Esther Leder, tour the facilities, and meet the Preschool's outstanding staff.

The Charlotte Jewish Preschool is a joint venture of Temple Beth El and Temple Israel and is located at Shalom Park. For more information call the Preschool office at (704) 366-5007 ext. 254.



J.C.C. Director Barry Hantman reads a story to the children at preschool.

Summer Programs

Camp Ramah Opens 1993 Registration

Parents interested in immersing their youngsters in a Jewish summer camp environment are invited to find out more about Camp Ramah in New England, the camping arm of the Conservative movement.

Registration is now open for the 1993 season of Camp Ramah, located on 350 acres in Palmer, Mass., just ninety minutes west of Boston. Boys and girls from Maine to Florida can participate in four-week (grades 3-8) or eight-week (grades 3-10) sessions, with a special six-day encampment offered at the end of the summer for children currently in grades 2-5.

The camp offers all the sports and arts of a camp experience, plus the Judaic component.

Integrated into the camp day is a unique Jewish education program, which enables youngsters to learn Hebrew and study their Jewish heritage in an informal setting. Ramah creates a Jewish community that actively lives a Jewish life together; welcoming the Shabbat under the stars, singing traditional melodies after meals, and living according to the rhythms of the Jewish week.

Combining the fun of summer camp with meaningful content, the Ramah experience is a wonderful part of growing up Jewish. For more information on the 1993 season, or to view the Camp Video, please contact: Camp Ramah in New England, 161 Highland Avenue, Needham, Mass. 02194; (617) 449-7090.

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A special program is planned for the summer of 1993. The fee for The Young Adults Summer Study in Jerusalem is \$1,500 including room, board, tuition, tours and transportation in Israel.

The course of study includes Israeli culture, the history of Jerusalem, art and architecture of Israel, fine arts, ceramics and design. Several day trips to points of great natural beauty and historical importance are included, as are recreational activities. Housing is available at the dormi-

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I Came Alone—The Stories of the Kindertransports

Edited by Bertha Leverton and Shmuel Lowensohn

416 pp., Illust.,

The Book Guild Ltd., Lewes, Sussex, UK \$38 (including postage) (Order from Anne L. Kraus, AHRC Weinberg Center, 32-03 39th Ave., Long Island City, N.Y. 11101)

Reviewed by Pete Baumgarten

Imagine that you are a child of 8 or 10 or 12, and you must leave your home and country because persecution is becoming intolerable. You must travel a long distance over land and sea, and you must leave your parents, and perhaps your brothers and sisters behind. How would you feel? How would you cope with the separation, of entering a country where you barely understand the language? How would you handle the loneliness and even the guilt of being well and healthy, while the rest of the family has an uncertain fate?

Some 15,000 German and Austrian Jewish children had to face these problems as they were shipped by special railroad transport to England, to be housed in youth hostels or individual homes, just before the war started in Europe in September 1939.

The editors of this superbly reproduced hardcover book were able to collect some sixty individual, personal stories of these children, some recorded in diaries soon after the fact, some many years later. Some stories are calm, with flashes of humor, as some children had to understand the ways of the British, so different from those in their homelands. Some stories are bitter, full of guilt of having escaped and their families caught in the Nazi horror. Some stories want to confront even many years later the deep psychological scars left by this abandonment and displacement into an alien culture.

Each story is identified by the name

of the person (the "Kind" or child), his present name (often anglicized or changed by marriages) and his present address (although the U.S. addresses are often labeled only by the state). One marvels at the organization necessary to move this many children; some rumors have it that Adolph Eichman was paid so many marks per head before the child was allowed to emigrate. One also marvels at the British committees of many kinds who supported and supplied the necessities for the children while the United States stood idle and lifted not a finger in aid.

Read this book and you'll be glad you did. It is both sad and uplifting. It describes the suffering that had to be endured, and tells of the families that were lost in the Holocaust. It also tells of some English hosts that were not so kind or hospitable as they perhaps should have been. But it also produces evidence for the resilience of the human spirit, and for the maxim "all's well that ends well." Let me close with just one quote, this one rather humorous. This from a man now living in the United Kingdom. His hostel building in Sheffield, England, had been hit by German bombs and he had to move.

"We stayed at the church hall a few days after which time the Jewish community had arranged to put us up at the Synagogue in Wilson Road. There was a large hall and we slept on comfortable mattresses all laid out next to one another. We made good use of the table tennis table and the congregation made good use of us boys, as they were always short of people to make up a *minyan*, so one of them always came rushing into the hall shouting 'I want two boys.' Needless to say, to us table tennis was a greater priority than a *minyan*, so we always made ourselves rather

scarce when the man came rushing in."

Mr. Baumgarten is a contributing writer who lives in Aiken, S.C.

Surviving Salvation: The Ethiopian Jewish Family in Transition

by Dr. Ruth Westheimer and Dr. Steven Kaplan

New York University Press
148 pp. \$24.95

Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

Surviving Salvation chronicles the struggle of the Ethiopian Jewish families in Israel. The authors have updated and completed previous reports and corrected existing assumptions.

The concept that Ethiopian Jews were moved from ancient, primitive customs into modern Israel with the requirement that they change radically at once is false. In fact, revolutionary changes in Ethiopia in the recent past were already affecting *Beta Israel* (House of Israel), especially the young. Bits of Western culture were creeping in.

This is not to say, however, that the traditional family structure has not been affected by the shocking contrast to Israeli culture. The roles of men and women are being altered by necessity. Attitudes towards parents cause an increasing gap between generations amongst people who lived within a broad, extended family group.

Dr. Ruth Westheimer, widely known as "Dr Ruth," gives the details of the laws of Ethiopian Jews which govern sexual conduct and purity. Ethiopian women will not have great difficulty in accepting change that eliminates separation from family and almost everyone else for one-fourth of their youthful and middle years.

Little space is devoted to the origin or history of these Jews, but acceptance of their Jewishness is taken for

granted. They were separated from the body of the worlds' Jews for so long, that even the custom of candle-lighting had not been adopted, but adopting such rituals is easy.

A great problem, seen among other groups also, is that as refugees from poverty and civil strife, Ethiopian Jews often have spent long periods of time in detention centers or spots where they awaited transferral to Israel. Again in Israel, they were dependent on authorities striving to prepare them for new lives, a strange language and different customs. Some have been unable to become independent after the extended regimentation, especially the elderly.

The book contains many interesting photographs and describes the various agencies and programs in effect to integrate into Israeli society a group of people who yearned for centuries to return to the Promised Land.

Those interested in this wave of immigration of perhaps the most different kind of Jews will appreciate this intelligent evaluation of the salvation of Ethiopian Jews. There is no doubt they will survive.

A Touch of His Wisdom

by Charles Stanley

Harper Collins Publishers 135 pp.
\$12.99

Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

A Touch of His Wisdom contains meditations on the *Book of Proverbs* of the Bible. It contains beautiful black and white photographs taken in California and Arizona with quotations from Proverbs beneath them. Beneath the first photograph is a line from Proverbs 1:7, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge."

Dr. Charles Stanley directs his book to Christians, not surprisingly, since he is senior pastor of the 13,000 member First Baptist Church in Atlanta. His translations are slightly different from those familiar to me, but the meaning is similar.

The principle theme of the book is that wisdom should be our greatest desire and that it is achievable from

God by prayer and following His commandments. The teachings of Proverbs are accompanied by insights of Dr. Stanley and observations.

We are reminded that abundant help is offered to us through study and faith. Dr. Stanley is author of many books and speaks on national TV and radio.

The World of Biblical Literature

by Robert Alter

Basic Books 225 pp. \$23.00

Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

As many have said before him, Robert Alter believes that the Hebrew Bible contains great literature. All readers, from fundamentalist to most liberal, will gain a great deal of knowledge in reading the essays contained in *The World of Biblical Literature*. This book adds to two books Robert Alter wrote previously, *The Art of Biblical Narrative* and *The Art of Biblical Poetry*.

Literature by anonymous authors is unusual; yet these writings are not only anonymous, they are compilations and tales retold. Historical books in the Bible seem to have retained facts of history, recently and currently being proved by archeological finds.

None of the original texts remains in entirety, and imagination was often given free reign in passages included for a variety of reasons, none of which can be proved. This author points out that reading of the Bible in the original Hebrew makes clear that many sources were used, although the text reads as a unity.

I wish to point to the fact that the Books of Leviticus and Numbers and descriptions of sacrifices or buildings are not considered literature.

It is interesting to note that the opinion is given that the writings in the Bible often exaggerate, especially in the poetic tracts, which had influence on Christianity. These, as other biblical writings, provide endless material for equally endless interpretation, and Robert Alter allows room for all. He especially wishes to invite meanings which bring biblical literature into our modern understanding.

Like the writings of Shakespeare, human nature in the Bible remains familiar to us, regardless of change in customs and superstitions. That guarantees the immortality of literature as long as humanity will read.

Robert Alter is professor of Hebrew and Comparative Literature at the University of California, Berkeley.

Toby Belfer Never Had a Christmas Tree

by Gloria Teles Pushker

Pelican Publishing Company 32 pp.
\$13.95

A beautifully simple and charming story for children aged five to eight, *Toby Belfer Never Had a Christmas Tree* is an elementary explanation of Hanukkah and Jewish traditions for children of all faiths.

Toby Belfer is a young Jewish girl living in a small, all-Christian, southern town. Unlike all the other children in town, she and her family celebrate Hanukkah. They love the Torah and follow its laws and celebrate by lighting the Menorah. She never wondered why she never had a Christmas tree, because she knew that she was Jewish.

One night, Toby invites all of her friends to join in the Hanukkah celebration, and they listen to the story of the holiday told by Toby.

The reader learns how Toby helped her grandmother make potato latkes to serve the guests, who were good friends and invited Toby to join them in trimming their Christmas trees.

Toby Belfer reflects American life at its best, with understanding of the cultures and religions of our neighbors. The author, Gloria Teles Pushker, is a professional storyteller, who received a master of education degree from the University of New Orleans. She is a member of the National Association for the Preservation and Perpetuation of Storytelling. This is her first book.

The illustrations by Judith Hierstein make every page spectacular with the symbols of Hanukkah and the people who celebrate the holiday.

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ADL Audit of Anti-Semitic Incidents Released

A total of 1,730 anti-Semitic incidents in the U.S. were reported last year according to the 1992 Audit of Anti-Semitic Incidents, a nationwide survey released in February by the Anti-Defamation League (ADL). This figure, the second highest in the 14-year history of the audit, represents an eight percent decrease over 1991.

Ira Gissen, Regional Director for North Carolina and Virginia, stated that North Carolina's experience reflected the national scene, with only two incidents reported in the state for 1992 compared to eight anti-Semitic acts in 1991. "Both 1992 incidents were acts of vandalism, whereas in 1991 there also were four incidents involving harassment, threats and assaults," he reported.

Melvin Salberg, ADL national chairman, pointed out that "Unfortunately, we still face a serious problem in our country. Behind each of these statistics lies a community outraged, a family intimidated, an individual humiliated and demoralized."

"The Audit documents 874 reported incidents of harassment, threat and assault and 856 reports of vandalism against Jewish institutions and private and public property," Salberg said.

Anti-Semitic incidents on college campuses were in an upward spiral in 1992, increasing by 12 percent—114 incidents reported at 60 campuses across the country. "There is a troubling atmosphere on campus," Salberg said. Since 1988, the number of incidents has more than doubled.

On the positive side, the report reflects a decline in the most serious crimes of vandalism. There were 28 reported incidents including arson, attempted arson, cemetery desecrations and the bombing of a synagogue. This is the lowest number since 1988. Also, there was a lower portion of anti-Semitic vandalism incidents (18%) targeting Jewish institutions, indicating that they are being better protected by improved security measures. (The largest number of such acts targeted public locations, which are more numerous and less secure.)

He cited strong law enforcement actions leading to far more arrests in connection with hate crime investigations—86 arrests compared to 52 last year; the Federal Bureau of Investigation's more aggressive efforts on neo-Nazi Skinhead activities; and increased security at Jewish institutions. Nineteen incidents involving neo-Nazi Skinheads were listed, an 84 percent drop since the high-water mark of 116 in 1989.

The data show New York leading the nation with 325 incidents (down 120 from 1991), followed by New Jersey with 227 (up 32), California with 210 (down 36), Florida, 172 (up 81) and Massachusetts, 104 (down 33). Other states

with more than 50 incidents were Illinois with 82 (up 9), Ohio with 60 (down 4), Pennsylvania, 59 (down 16) and Connecticut, 58 (up 11).

The report addresses the "epidemic of anti-Semitism" in New York City which was triggered by the events during and after the Crown Heights riots of 1991. There were 216 reported anti-Semitic incidents in the city in 1992, a 28% increase over the 1991 figure of 168. During the 10-day period of the Jewish High Holy Days, a spate of 19 incidents occurred.

"Jewish college students are feeling especially vulnerable," said Salberg, "as they are confronted by an intensified wave of anti-Semitism." One of the most troubling and unusual campus episodes cited in the report took place at Queens College in New York City. Dead cats stolen from the animal science laboratory were dropped into toilets in another university building with a warning written on the wall: "We're going to do to Jews what we did to the cats."

At Brown University in Providence, R.I., there was a rash of anti-Semitic graffiti which included defacing clothing in dryers with "Jews Go Home," and "No Jews."

The 1992 Audit, prepared by the Research Department of the ADL Civil Rights Division, includes data from 39 states and the District of Columbia, as reported to ADL regional offices by victims, community leaders and law enforcement officials. It is an account of overt acts or expressions of anti-Jewish bigotry or hostility, some of which are not *crimes*—for example, distributing neo-Nazi pamphlets or directing slurs at Jewish individuals. Thus, there may be some discrepancies between the totals of anti-Semitic incidents reported in the ADL Audit and those contained in official police reports of bias crimes.

The second half of the 50-page document contains information about the ADL counteraction program including an up-date on court challenges to hate crimes legislation based on the ADL model statute, the League's security handbook for community institutions, a police training video designed to sensitize officers to recognize bias-related crimes and the ADL program to combat anti-Semitism on campus. The report also contains several charts illustrating trends of anti-Semitic activity and other information.

Founded in 1913, ADL is a civil rights/human relations organization that combats anti-Semitism and all forms of bigotry and discrimination, and promotes harmonious relations between diverse religious and ethnic groups.

Copies of the document are available from the ADL Department of Public Relations, Suite 326, 6330 Newtown Rd., Norfolk, Va. 23502.

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COVER:

This beautiful black and white Purim design is an original work by Helen Avanesyan who recently celebrated the first anniversary of her

family's resettlement in Charlotte from Tashkent in the former Soviet Union. Helen's design was inspired by books sent to her by her paternal grandfather who lives in Israel. Play "seek and find" and you will locate the Hebrew letters for Purim hidden in her drawing. The figures are of Esther, Mordecai, Haman and King Ahasuerus. Prior to her emigration to the U.S., Helen was not permitted to learn about such Jewish celebrations as Purim.

Limited-edition **color** posters of the Purim design, signed and numbered by the artist, and suitable for framing, are available for purchase for \$10 at Temple Gift Shops in Charlotte. Posters may also be ordered for \$10 through *The American Jewish Times Outlook*, P.O. Box 33218, Charlotte, N.C. 28233. Proceeds from these sales will benefit the Blumenthal Jewish Home.

Currently, Helen works part-time as a teacher's assistant at the Charlotte J.C.C. She enjoys this, practices her English, and uses the balance of her time to do artwork and take English and MacIntosh computer design classes. Helen's dream is to do artwork full-time. Look for more of Helen's work to be featured in the upcoming Russian Art Fair this Spring at the J.C.C.

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The Lessons of Purim

by Estelle Hoffman

Historians are busy these days, investigating the past and rewriting history. Religious historians are occupied in the same way, debunking myths and searching for true origins and backgrounds of our traditions. Try as they may, it seems to make little difference in the observance and ritual of our customs.

Many sources tell us that the Book of Esther does not really belong in our Bible. Some say the story was an old one in Persia, relating a tale of Marduk and Istar, Babylonian deities, whose names are suspiciously like Mordecai and Esther. Esther was, of course, a Persian name.

It matters little to us whether or not the story we read each year in the *Megillah* is true. The lessons we learn from the colorful account are vivid reminders of the truths Jews know from history.

First is the fact that numerous tyrants have tried to eradicate all Jews, using various methods, for debatable reasons. Nonconformists to the dominant population are seldom cherished, and Jews have been a minority group wherever they have lived outside of Israel. Despite contributions to society, underlying resentment surfaces from time to time, and is displayed in subtle or obvious ways.

When we read of the courage of Mordecai in refusing to bow before Haman, we are encouraged to be true to ourselves. In every age, for good or detriment, there have been Jews who refused to conform, running the risk of punishment for dissenters. Rebellion was waged against Greece and Rome, and in this century Jews were in the forefront of the movement to overthrow the Russian monarchy, in the belief that they acted in the interest of the masses everywhere.

In a subdued voice, I would speak of the many Jewish youths in the

rebellion against society in the United States of the 1960s. It seems to be in our nature.

Another lesson in the Purim story is in the words of the Purim song: "In every age, some hero or sage came to our aid." Mordecai told Esther, "Think not with thyself that thou shalt escape in the king's house, more than all the Jews. For if thou altogether holdest thy peace at this time, then will relief and deliverance arise to the Jews from another place, but thou and thy father's house will perish; and who knoweth whether thou art not come to royal estate for such a time as this?" (Book of Esther) "Another place" is not defined, but have we not survived the repeated attempts to eradicate us?

We also learn from Mordecai's words, or we are reminded that we all share, as Jews, a common fate. In our time the horrifying plight of the least observant, the most assimilated Jews, taught the lesson that escape from edict of persecution was hardly possible.

After all of these sober thoughts, we learn to rejoice. When the terror ends, when good triumphs, we celebrate with abandon. We welcome bright opportunity to restore cheer, to make a party. Jews, who habitually were not great drinkers of intoxicating beverages, were encouraged to exceed their ordinary limitations, to eat and drink and to clown and dance in public manifestations of the joy of survival.

Thus, in observance of the holiday of Purim this year, we should be reminded of others who suffer the cruelties of tyrants. We should sympathize with people at home and abroad who struggle against prejudice, and we must support those who need to rebel against tyrants. In reading the story of Purim, we need to consider other groups who look to us for rescue.

The lessons of Purim remain eternal for us, evidenced in our survival. The *Megillah* will be read Erev Purim, March 6, and the morning of Purim, March 7.



Tradition in the Kitchen

Sweet and sour dishes are sometimes eaten on Purim, symbolizing the sadness and grief of the Purim story. The following recipe is found in *The Jewish Holiday Cookbook*, by Gloria Kaufer Greene. Credit is given to Bellah Ini, an Iraqi Jew who now lives in the United States.

Saloon

Sauce

- 1/2 cup plain canned tomato sauce
- 3 Tbsp. white or brown sugar
- 3 Tbsp. white or apple cider vinegar
- 2 Tbsp. lemon juice
- 1 garlic clove, finely minced
- 1 tsp. curry powder

- 1 lb. skinless salmon fillets (or 1/1-4 lbs. salmon steaks)
- Flour for coating
- Vegetable oil for frying
- 2 medium onions, halved and thickly sliced
- 1 medium-sized sweet green pepper, cut into strips
- 1 medium-sized carrot, very thinly sliced on diagonal
- 1 celery stalk, thinly sliced
- 1 large or 2 small cooked potatoes, sliced thinly
- 1 small eggplant, peeled and cut into 1/2" slices
- 1 large ripe tomato, thinly sliced

Combine all sauce ingredients in a small bowl and mix well. Pour about 2 Tbsp. of sauce into bottom of very large deep skillet or electric frying pan. (If preferred, the sauce, fish and vegetables may be placed in a 10" square or equivalent casserole and baked, uncovered, in a preheated 400° oven for 20 to 25 minutes, or until most of the sauce has been absorbed.) Set remainder of sauce aside.

Lightly coat the fish with flour. In another large skillet over medium-high heat, heat a few tablespoons of oil until hot. Fry the fish until lightly browned on both sides. Lay the fish on top of the sauce in the first skillet. (If salmon steaks are used, remove bones from cooked fish before adding it to the sauce.)

Add a bit more oil to the skillet used for the fish, and heat it until hot. Add onions, pepper, carrot and celery, and cook, stirring, until the vegetables are tender but not browned. Spread the vegetables on top of the fish. Spoon about 2 more tablespoons of the sauce over the vegetables; then cover them with the potato slices.

Lightly coat the eggplant slices with flour; then fry them in a small amount of oil just until they are lightly browned. Lay the eggplant slices over the other vegetables. Put the tomato slices neatly on top. Pour the remaining sauce evenly over the tomatoes.

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Reaching for a Dream Physical therapy provides a first step

Reaching for a dream has a double meaning for those who are seen in the Physical Therapy room at Blumenthal Jewish Home these days. Both the residents and their new physical therapy technician, Galina Sokolsky, are reaching to make dreams and hopes come true.

Galina and her husband Stan and daughter Julia arrived in Winston-Salem with Stan's parents July 12, 1992, through the sponsorship of the Winston-Salem Jewish Community Council. They came from Kharkov in the Ukraine to join family members who had emigrated the year before. They came with the dreams of all who have come to this country seeking freedom and a better life with greater opportunities for the future. Galina came with her own dream to continue the career she had begun in Kharkov, working as a Physical Therapist.

In December, 1992, Galina took the first step towards that dream, working with patients who are tak-



Physical therapist Connie Warren (left) shows her new assistant, Galina Sokolsky, the physical therapy room at BJH.

ing those difficult first steps toward rehabilitation. In December, Galina began to work at BJH under the supervision of Physical Therapist Connie Warren. She is learning

about physical therapy treatments in the United States and how they differ from her experiences in the Soviet Union. Following three years of schooling, Galina worked eight years as a Physical Therapist in Kharkov, four years in a neurological hospital, and four years in a children's hospital. She is grateful for the present opportunity to gain language skills and experience, which will enable her to hopefully complete the education needed to be licensed as a Physical Therapist in the U.S.

Connie Warren and Galina both work at BJH through a contract the Home has with Comprehensive Medical Rehabilitation Center. Connie, who has a B.S. in Physical Therapy from UNC-Chapel Hill, says the goal of Physical Therapy is to get people as functionally independent as possible with safety. Each new resident receives a Physical Therapy screening upon admission to the Home. Evaluations are made both for the individual's needs and the appro-

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appropriate fit of any equipment needed, such as walkers or wheel chairs. Physical therapy treatments are individualized for each resident upon signed orders by their physician. The physical therapy treatments are usually prescribed for persons needing rehabilitation as a result of strokes, fractures, arthritis and other illnesses affecting functional ability. During the treatment program a patient will be seen by the Physical Therapist from 3 to 5 times a week. The Physical Therapist works closely with the nursing staff in the Home; at the completion of the treatment program, a nursing restorative program continues the needed therapy.

Connie Warren describes her new assistant as, "quick to learn

and eager to do as much as she can. She can follow through with therapy which I have evaluated and prescribed. After all," Connie says, "in Physical Therapy the goal is to show patients what they need to do for themselves, not to do much talking."

Galina, not unlike her patients, is taking that first step towards independence. She is very grateful for this opportunity and says it is like a dream to her. "This is a very beautiful place, ... I like to work with Connie, she explains things very well. I can't believe it, my dream is to work in physical therapy, but it is difficult with the language and education problems."

Reaching for dreams is difficult, but with help, not impossible for residents and staff at the Blumenthal Jewish Home.



Reaching for her dream, Galina Sokolsky assists BJH resident Evelyn Smith as she too takes steps towards independence.

Comprehensive Medical Rehabilitation Center will sponsor a Health Fair at the Blumenthal Jewish Home on Tuesday, March 9 for residents and employees. Activities will include: Posture, Flexibility and Cardiovascular Screens; Endurance, Strength, and Flexibility testing.

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April 5 & 6

Passover Seders

Fair Oaks Commons

6:00 p.m.

Adults \$10.00 per Seder

Children \$5.00 per Seder

RSVP by March 24

May 9

Parent's Day Brunch

Fair Oaks Commons

12:15 p.m.

Adults \$8.00

Children \$4.00

RSVP by April 30

IN MEMORY

We mourn the loss of:

Emily H. Thomas

May her cherished
memories bring comfort
to her loved ones.

WELCOME

May you have a long, healthy,
and happy life.

Iva Bottoms

Mocksville, NC

Minerva Levin

Chapel Hill, NC

Frances Roatberg

Chapel Hill, NC



Sue Michielutte enjoys a shopping trip to Hanes Mall with Volunteer Lydia Thabet.

BJH NEWS

Editor – Sue Clein

Staff Notes

NATIONAL ACTIVITY PROFESSIONALS DAY

National Activity Professionals Day was celebrated at the Home on January 21. This day, noted by the National Association of Activity Professionals, recognizes the efforts of those responsible for activity programming in nursing and residential care facilities for the elderly. The Blumenthal Jewish Home is fortunate to have four full-time activity therapists and two part-time craft shop instructors. Through the creative efforts, unending energy and sensitive caring of these individuals, the residents are given opportunities to live their lives to the fullest, to have dreams made possible. Members of the activity department enjoyed a reception in their honor on this day. BJH congratulates the activity department staff: Afredia Thompson, Director of Resident Activities, Lynda Abrahamson, Gail Ruthfield, and Sally Terreni, Activity Therapists; Catherine Smith and Lena Wall, Craft Shop Instructors, for the outstanding activities program they provide.



Fil Yeskel of Temple Israel Men's Club coordinated the Shabbat visit and service at BJH.



The Department of Resident Activities celebrated its teamwork on National Activity Professionals Day. Pictured Left to Right are Catherine Smith, Gail Ruthfield, Afredia Thompson, Director, and Lena Wall; not pictured: Lynda Abrahamson and Sally Terreni.

CALENDAR FOR MARCH

- 2** Homewide Birthday Party, Greensboro Volunteers, Commons Auditorium, 1:30 p.m.
- 4** Rabbi's Hour with Rabbi Havivi, Synagogue, 10:00 a.m.
- 5** Catholic Mass with Holy Family, Friendship Room, 10:00 a.m.
- 5** Purim Carnival, "Las Vegas Style," Commons Auditorium, 2:30 p.m.
- 6** Purim Services, Synagogue, 6:15 p.m.
- 7** Purim Services, Synagogue, 9:15 a.m.
- 7** Sunday Sweets with Sisterhood, Temple Emanuel, Upper Commons, 2:30 p.m.
- 8** Purim Play, "The Story of Purim," Commons Auditorium, 2:30 p.m.
- 10** Rabbi's Hour with Rabbi Liebschutz, Synagogue, 2:00 p.m.
- 14** Brenner Concert, Wheel Theatre, "music, dance, and drama," Commons Auditorium, 3:00 p.m.
- 15** Rabbi's Hour with Rabbi Harkavy, Synagogue, 11:00 a.m.
- 17** Leave for Starmount Country Club, Greensboro, 10:30 a.m.
- 19** Leave for Hanes Mall, Winston-Salem, 9:30 a.m.
- 24** Leave for the Broadway Preview, "Funny, you don't look like a grandmother," Winston-Salem, 1:30 p.m.
- 28** Brenner Concert, Sam Sanger, 4 piece Contemporary Folk Band, Commons Auditorium, 3:00 p.m.
- 31** Rabbi's Hour with Rabbi White, Synagogue, 11:00 a.m.



BBYO members Kasie and Leigh Miller say hello to Pearl Yachnin and their grandfather, Matthew Miller, during the BBYO Chanukah visit.



Alan Sussman and youth from Temple Israel in Charlotte served wine for the kiddush to the residents in the BJH Synagogue.

Shabbat was especially bright on December 19th, when members of Temple Israel in Charlotte visited the Home. The synagogue was filled with residents, members of Temple Israel's youth group and families from Charlotte. Fil Yeskel of the Temple's Men's Club coordinated the visit and Shabbat service. Robert Glibberman, director of Synagogue Youth, arranged for the large group of students who participated in the service. Alan Sussman led the kiddush following services and the youth served wine and Challah and visited with residents.

Intergenerational shabbat services are a welcome addition to holiday observances at BJH. The freshness of youth combine with tradition and memories to bring a stirring warmth to Shabbat.

Winston-Salem volunteers Guy Blynn and Louis Freedman and sons added their touch to Friday

evening shabbat services at the Home this fall. A double mitzvah took place with the young men learning from their participation and the residents enjoying the addition to the service.

Rabbi Scott White and Steve Huyser of Temple Israel, Charlotte were highlights of the week of Chanukah observances. These two talented performers brought a special gift to the residents with an outstanding musical program on December 23rd. Steve played piano, Rabbi White, guitar, both sang Jewish melodies and Chanukah was truly radiant at BJH.

Volunteers who assisted with the lighting of the Chanukah Menorahs in the Home's dining rooms each brought their special spark to the residents this year. The week of Chanukah was brightly illuminated with volunteers singing songs and kindling the Chanukah candles. Our thanks go to mem-

bers of the Winston-Salem and Charlotte BBYO chapters, to Winston-Salem volunteers Andrew Ettin and Bert and Dot Kalet, and Greensboro volunteers Barry and Leah Strulson.

Celebrating milestones in January were two special volunteer programs at the Home. Winston-Salem's Temple Emanuel Sisterhood completed their first year of Sisterhood Sweets, serving as hostesses in Fair Oaks on the first Sunday of each month. Greensboro volunteers celebrated four years of monthly birthday parties for BJH residents. Forty-eight parties meant hundreds of framed photos as gifts, thousands of flowers and at least that many hours given by volunteers and entertainers. Congratulations to the volunteers who participate in both of these programs, you have guaranteed their success and brought a special joy to the residents.



Our volunteers take the cake and serve it too: above: Greensboro volunteers Helen Davidson and Rhoda Fleisher serve cake at the birthday party; above right: Polly Strasser greets Bessie Schwartz at the Starmount Country Club luncheon; below: Josie Swirin welcomes BJH resident Madelyn Plyler to the volunteer-sponsored luncheon.



Winston-Salem volunteer, Dorothy Kalet lights the Chanukah menorah in the Fair Oaks dining room. The residents in each wing were treated to Chanukah melodies by Dr. Kalet.

The cheerful voices of volunteers Jean Lund (pictured) and Jeanette Dillabough answered the phone in the office on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.



Members of the Winston-Salem and Charlotte B'nai Brith Youth Organization sang Chanukah songs during the candle lighting in A-Wing.



BJH NEWS BRIEFS: Musical notes tie generations together



Pre-school students from Temple Emanuel in Winston-Salem turned into spinning dreidels during their Chanukah visit to the Home.

- **TEMPLE EMANUEL** pre-school's three and four year old classes celebrated shabbat and Chanukah with residents on December 18th. Generations apart, the children and the residents shared "wine," Challah, and the blessings that tie generations together. The children delighted the residents with shabbat and Chanukah songs. The "Grandma's and Grandpa's" delighted the children with their attention.

- **STUDENTS FROM SOUTHWEST** Elementary School in Clemmons brought a touch of the holiday season to Blumenthal Jewish Home in December. Mrs. Sandra Shugart's 5th grade class participated in a holiday party for residents on December 10, bringing a joyful performance of songs and a generous array of gaily wrapped presents to the residents. Seasonal songs rang through the halls on December 18 with a visit from the 3rd grade who entertained for residents on each wing.



Students from Southwest Elementary School in Clemmons brought the sound of music to the Home in December.



Temple Emanuel pre-schoolers share shabbat blessings and songs with residents. Clockwise from above right: Khaya Groyser enjoys a visit with her great-granddaughter, a pre-schooler at Temple Emanuel; pre-schooler Hannah Leshin says the motzi with resident Sarah Sherry; Dora Bierman and Elsa Guthman enjoy the company of Stevie and Kaitlyn.





The big band sounds of the Society Swing Band filled the Commons Auditorium for the New Year's Day Celebration. Residents enjoy the festivities.



- **THE NEW YEAR** rang in on a winning note at BJH. Residents enjoyed celebrating at the New Years Day Party, listening to the big band sounds of the Society Swing Band and watching the always graceful dancing of Catherine and Bob Smith.

- **FAIR OAKS RESIDENTS** Esther Pearson and Matt Miller were the big winners on this New Year: Esther, an art student of Catherine Smith's in the Craft Shop, graciously donated her oil painting to a raffle to benefit the Home and Matt Miller held the lucky winning ticket. The Blumenthal Jewish Home, also a winner, received \$314 from the generous contributions to the raffle.

- **NORTH CAROLINA SCHOOL OF THE ARTS** Guitar instructor Gerald Klickstein provided a musical treat at BJH on January 10. Gerald Klickstein, a skilled classical guitarist and a new-comer to Winston-Salem, volunteered to share his time and talent at a Sunday Concert for residents. Both residents and guests filled the Commons Auditorium to welcome Gerald and to enjoy the beautiful sounds of classical guitar.



Rabbi Scott White brings a Jewish musical treat to the Chanukah Program.

Ida Temko attends the New Year's Day Party, dressed for the occasion.



Esther Pearson and Catherine Smith prepare to draw the winning raffle ticket for Esther's oil painting.

A young visitor catches the attention of Irene Mendelson and Anna Shapiro.





Fair Oaks resident Rose Golden receives a manicure and a friendly chat from Susan Emery, the Chairperson of the West Forsyth High School Anchor Club's volunteer projects at BJH.



Fair Oaks residents Ella Blachman and Therese Serxner and others enjoy the Anchor Club Manicure Marathon at BJH.

CALENDAR FOR APRIL

- 2 Catholic Mass with Holy Family, Friendship Room, 10:00 a.m.
- 4 Sunday Sweets with Sisterhood, Temple Emmanuel, Upper Commons, 2:30 p.m.
- 5 First Passover Seder, Commons Auditorium, 6:15 p.m.
- 6 First Day of Passover, Services, 9:15 a.m., Synagogue
- 6 Second Passover Seder, Commons Auditorium, 6:15 p.m.
- 7 Second Day of Passover, Services, Synagogue, 9:15 a.m.
- 12 Seventh Day of Passover, Services, Synagogue, 9:15 a.m.
- 13 Eighth Day of Passover, Yizkor Services, Synagogue, 9:15 a.m.
- 14 Rabbi's Hour with Rabbi Liebschutz, Synagogue, 2:00 p.m.
- 15 Leave for Starmount Country Club, Greensboro, 10:30 a.m.
- 16 Leave for Hanes Mall, Winston-Salem, 9:30 a.m.
- 18 Brenner Concert, Forsyth Brass Ensemble, Commons Auditorium, 3:00 p.m.
- 19 Rabbi's Hour with Rabbi Harkavy, Synagogue, 11:00 a.m.
- 22 Rabbi's Hour with Rabbi Havivi, Synagogue, 10:00 a.m.
- 25 Brenner Concert, Ron Rudkin Swing Band, Commons Auditorium, 3:00 p.m.
- 26 Israel Independence Day Celebration, Merri Robinson, Commons Auditorium, 2:30 p.m.
- 28 Rabbi's Hour with Rabbi White, Commons Auditorium, 11:00 a.m.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

MARCH

Rose Berzin
Karl Cahn
Herbert Doty
Ruby Freedle
Robert Little
Elsie McCarthy
Nona Meigs
Columbus Morris
Yvette Pearlman
Esther Pearson
Gladys Poindexter
Rose Schulherr
Anna Shapiro
Virginia Skeeter
Mary Smith
Anne Stockert
Esther Wampler

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Charles Lewis
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Vera Morrison
Mary Myers
Debbie Nelson
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BJH Is Happy To Announce Its Selections For Employee Of The Month



VICKY DONLEY

Unit Secretary
December, 1992

Surprised and honored at being chosen Employee of the Month, Vicky Donley said she never thought of herself as an employee deserving of this honor. "The Jewish Home has always met my needs as a place to work and is one of the best Homes that I have known about," says Vicky.

Vicky Donley has also been meeting the needs of the Home, its residents and staff, since August, 1983. She began working at the Home as a Nursing Assistant soon after B wing opened. At that time, Nursing Assistants worked wherever needed and Vicky said she would work on A wing and B wing depending on the need at the time. "A lot of positive changes have taken place since then," she says, with permanent assignments and schedules.

Vicky returned to the Home after a brief leave when her children were born. For the past five years, she has been in charge of the Nursing Supplies, with primary responsibility for keeping nursing equipment inventory and ordering all supplies. "I like the challenge of

keeping things up to date and meeting needs but I miss working one-on-one with the residents," says Vicky.

Vicky describes the rewards of working with older people and is grateful that her children have come to know and appreciate the older generation and their values through visits with the residents. She enjoys opportunities to do a favor for a resident or stop and chat a minute.

Working at BJH has meant a lot to Vicky Donley and she is appreciative of the Home, staff, and residents. She views the staff as a supportive family and sees the administration as always working to change and meet the needs of both residents and employees.

Patsy Petree, Director of Nursing, says Vicky is a real friend to nursing, "she is resourceful, dependable, conscientious and most instrumental in initiating and carrying out new ideas."

A native of West Virginia, Vicky has lived in North Carolina since age 12. She and her husband Charles live in the Clemmons area with their two children. Vicky says her hobby is cooking and she likes to bake breads and dessert to give to friends.

BJH is proud to have Vicky on our staff and congratulates her on this honor.



Ann Nelson enjoyed a trip to the mall with volunteer for the day, B-Wing Nursing Assistant Gloria Jarvis.



LENA WALL

Craft Shop Instructor
January, 1993

When the residents enter the craft shop for instruction and assistance with their projects, they receive an added blessing. Time spent with Craft Shop Instructor Lena Wall brings them encouragement, sensitive attention and cheerful optimism.

Lena Wall describes working with the residents as a blessing for her. She says, "It's a joy to work in the craft shop. I've always enjoyed working at the Home; everyone is truly wonderful! I feel like I'm at home and I can't wait to get back if I'm out a few days."

The blessing has actually been the Home's since July 1976, when Lena began working in the Housekeeping and Laundry Department. She had retired from Hanes Knitwear after 36 years. During her nine years in this department, Lena says she always enjoyed her contact with residents and families.

Always a lover of crafts, Lena attended many craft courses at Davidson Community College over the years and studied Ceramics individually. When the opportunity

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Jane Rosenberg is assisted at the mall by volunteer Grace Allred.



Seen enjoying their birthday celebrations at the monthly parties recently are, clockwise from lower left: Eleanor Altshuler, Fannie Benson, Dorothy Rodriguez, Rae Glickman, Martha Mayer.



Lena Wall (continued)

arose to work in the Craft Shop seven years ago, she was eager to take it.

Lena says that working with Catherine has been special and that all the members of the activity department are wonderful to work with. "I like being with the residents, doing extra things for them and seeing them smile," is how Lena describes her job. As a craft shop instructor, she assists residents working with ceramics and needle arts, including sewing and crocheting and knitting, does alterations, and makes needed items for residents. Her secret to her optimism and enjoyment of life is to keep busy. She says she enjoys time with her family, attending ball games with her great nephews, and working with her church and a Homemakers Club.

Blumenthal Jewish Home congratulates Lena Wall, a deserving recipient of this honor.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to the following staff members who celebrate anniversaries of employment in March and April.

MARCH

6 Years

Jean Moore, *RN, B-2*

5 Years

Leona Cook, *Nsg. Asst., B-2*

Maggie James, *Administration*

3 Years

Lynda Abrahamson, *Recreation*

Estella Carnes, *Nsg. Asst., B-1*

Ruth Chappell, *Nsg. Asst., F-0*

Janice Lawson, *Nsg. Asst., B-2*

Dianne Smith, *Nsg. Asst., B-2*

2 Years

Erika Hagstrom, *Dietary*

Wanda King, *Laundry*

1 Year

Linda Hanna, *LPN, A-Wing*

Linda Dowell, *Nsg. Asst., A-Wing*

APRIL

27 Years

Izora Moore, *Dietary*

22 Years

Linda Pinnix, *LPN, A-Wing*

13 Years

Martha Whitaker, *RN, B-2*

12 Years

Judy Howell, *LPN, Fair Oaks*

10 Years

Ann Craver, *Pharmacy*

3 Years

Betty Boyer, *RN, B-2*

Adrienne Cuthrell, *Nsg. Asst., B-2*

Karen Jarrett, *Nsg. Asst., B1*

Linda Mann, *Administration*

Shelby Mullis, *LPN, A-Wing*

LaDonna Newsome, *Nsg. Asst., FO*

2 Years

Mike Blevins, *Dietary*

Karla Hagstrom, *Dietary*

Stephanie Harvey, *Nsg. Asst., A-Wing*

Gloria Jarvis, *Nsg. Asst., B-1*

1 Year

Janice Grimmitt, *Dietary*

Billy West, *Housekeeping*

Elias Anchante, *Nsg. Asst., B-1*



What's Developing?

by Bruce Schlosberg
Director of Development

TZEDAKAH

SAY YOU WILL

The next time you update your **Will**, say you **Will**. Please consider leaving a bequest to the Blumenthal Jewish Home.

If you have already included us in your **Will**, please let us know. We are establishing a very special program to honor you.

THE TREE OF LIFE IS PLANTED

The Tree of Life has been planted at the Blumenthal Jewish Home. The new metal sculpture has been planted at the main entrance of Fair Oaks.

The Tree will offer you an opportunity to honor a person's memory or simcha. With a minimum donation of \$100, you can pay tribute to someone and receive an inscribed leaf on the Tree. For more information, please contact Bruce Schlosberg, Director of Development.

The Wish List

To be competitive, the Home must provide certain amenities to our residents. Sometimes, we have to delay providing these amenities until we have sufficient funds.

With this issue of the *Times-Outlook*, we are initiating a new program called the Wish List. The Wish List will ask you to help us underwrite a program, piece of equipment, etc. which we have been unable to support because of budget restrictions.

The first items on the Wish List are for B-1 and B-2, our skilled

RE-MEMBER-ING THE HOME

In the latter part of the month, most of you will receive a letter inviting you to be a member of the Home. Membership in the Home is an indication that you believe there should be a central facility that cares for the Jewish elderly.

In 1992 there were 884 people who were members of the Home. Let's see if we can reach 1,000 this year. The cost of membership is nominal. The benefits are great. The various levels of membership are as follows:

- \$ 25 — Basic Membership
- \$ 54 — Friend of the Home
- \$118 — Caretaker
- \$180 — Sponsor
- \$360 and above — Patron

nursing wings. We are in need of funds to purchase 2 color televisions (25") and a VCR for the Activity Rooms. The current TV's are old, and the pictures are getting fuzzy. The purchase of a VCR for the B wings will allow us to show movies and religious programming. The total estimated cost for this video package is \$1,750.



Giving the gift of caring are, above: Stacey Blumenthal, a member of the Charlotte BBYO chapter, visits with her grandfather, Fair Oaks resident David Levine, during the BBYO Chanukah visit.

Below: Greensboro volunteer Evelyn Robinson enjoys seeing her friend, Fair Oaks resident Eva Weinberg, at the volunteer-sponsored luncheon.



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Roaming the Past with David Schulman



Nathaniel Hawthorne has been quoted as saying, "Easy reading is damn hard writing." Writing has an aspect to it of playing God; breathing life into fictitious characters who then go out and live, love, and maybe die. As many times as a writer reaches up into his or her mental attic for some forgotten memory and finds it a joy to replay it again, there are just as many times the writer reaches back to an experience that grabs him or her whipping the writer around and refusing to return to that forgotten attic. Add the feelings of despondency when your work is rejected by the day to day realities of the publishing world, and you can find the mystique of writing not so mystical. It is when writing is toughest that I think of the determination of Gene and Arleene Goldstein, a New York couple who found their way to Asheville in the 1950s to open a clothing store. What does the "shmate business" have to do with writing? The Goldstein story is a "musical love" story that should be a model for us all, in whatever field we endeavor.

Gene is now 82, Arleene, 75. He is always calling me with tips and leads to where I might find a new break in my career. I always hang up the phone telling myself I surely must not give up. Gene and Arleene never have. Their dream has survived the last sixty-three years.

Born in New York City, Gene was encouraged by his piano teacher, composer Lou Sugerman, to try to break into Tin Pan Alley, home of Irving Berlin. Gene studied at night at the New School for Social Research and wrote four plays. During the day he worked as a dress buyer for a New York buying office. In 1939, Audrey Wood, a professional agent whose clients included Tennessee Williams and William Inge, became impressed with Gene's play called "The Matriarch." This was a musical fantasy

about the first woman President of the United States. It was also in 1939 that Gene met Arleene, his future wife and writing partner. In 1941, "The Matriarch" worked its way to Oscar Hammerstein II who liked it but thought it would be a difficult time to produce it since "Of Thee I Sing" had been on Broadway. A three-year stint in the Army slowed down the creative process a bit, but Gene followed his dream. In 1946, another Goldstein musical was created about the would-be new state of Alaska. This dynamic duo was once again ahead of their time.

Over the next several years, "Alaska" found its way to the doorstep of Kitty Carlisle. She was determined to get it produced, but even the calibre of Ms. Carlisle could not obtain the adequate financing to get in on Broadway. It was during the mid fifties that the Goldsteins decided to leave New York City. After encouragement from some of their clients in the garment district who said "come on down," the Goldsteins came to Asheville.

From 1955 to 1980, "shmates" took priority over lyrics as the Goldsteins had stores in Black Mountain, Marion and Asheville. They retired in 1980 and, after a serious bout with illness, Gene and Arleene were drawn back to their first love, musicals.

For the next three years, much research was done in preparation for still a new musical, "The Tortugas Plan." The plot was about a man who had to deal with the fact that nobody in his family had lived passed forty-nine, an age he was fast approaching. A tortugas is a 300 to 700-pound turtle that lives in Nicaragua. The Goldsteins contacted Dr. Bernard Nietschman of the University of California at Berkley who had studied and lived with the Moskite Indian tribe in Nicaragua. The tribe's diet consisted mainly of eating the enormous green

turtles. Though no adequate records had been kept in the past, it did appear that this diet may have played an important part in the longevity of the members of this tribe and perhaps other humans. The Goldsteins' premise for the plot was that it did.

In a very serendipitous manner, the Goldsteins met and collaborated with an Israeli composer, Ami Feldman, who now teaches music and voice in Orlando and did the score for "The Tortugas Plan" and another Goldstein musical, "Glop." "Glop" has an hysterically funny plot featuring a bunch of retirees living on a little island off Georgia and who may be forced off by development. "Glop" involves a Middle Eastern sheik, the U.S. Government, and the production of a secret substance developed from the excretions of rare birds which cover half the island. If these two musicals are not enough, the Goldsteins are at work on another musical projected into the year 2002. "Shenanigans" is now being revised at the request of a New York investment banker.

What do you plan to do in your eighth decade? What do I plan to do in my fourth decade? Mrs. Rose Pliskin, may she rest in peace, of High Point, N.C. always used to have mystery recipes. When asked how she fixed her paprika chicken, she didn't really know. She would say, "You give a 'bisl shit arayn' (a pinch) of this and 'bisl shit arayn' of that." It always came out delicious. There are so



Gene and Arleene Goldstein

many different aspects that make up what your life is or what mine is. We really don't know what will "work" and what won't. What is even more amazing than the longevity of the "Matriarch" or whether "Glop" or "The Tortugas Plan" makes it to Broadway, is the wonderful sense of life that the Goldsteins display in their dedication, their purpose. Tonight if you are bored between five and ten p.m. when Gene and Arleene are hard at work, think about this couple and breathe in a pinch of determination, a pinch of love for what you do, and just like Rose Pliskin's chicken, things may turn out just fine.

DAVID SCHULMAN is interested in hearing your stories.

Please write or call him at the address below. He is particularly interested in simple anecdotes and stories about the Yiddish Theater, and the life of Jewish immigrants, particularly those that moved South. Please call (704) 254-9250 or write 3701 Timber Trail, Asheville, N.C. 28804.

"The Dead Sea Scrolls What Do They Mean for Christians and Jews?"

Sponsored by Covenant Presbyterian Church Charlotte, N.C.

Syllabus

The Dead Sea Scrolls are the most important archaeological find of our century, yet for the past 40 years they have been embroiled in controversy. What do the Dead Sea Scrolls actually say? Why were many of them only recently released, decades after their discovery? What about all the sensational claims that have been made about the Scrolls? What impact will they have on our understanding of Christianity, Judaism and the Bible?

You are invited to attend a special seven week series on the Dead Sea Scrolls sponsored by Covenant Presbyterian Church and conducted

by three of this country's leading scholars in the field. All sessions will be held in the Children's Theater at 1017 East Morehead St., across the street from Covenant Church with the exception of the orientation which will be held in the Covenant Fellowship at 1000 East Morehead St.

This series will climax on Sunday afternoon, April 18, with a lively debate moderated by Covenant's Senior Minister Jim Miller and featuring our three renowned scholars who share differing perspectives on Scrolls' interpretation.

The program is open to the public at no charge.

Speakers' Biographies

Dr. James Tabor is an associate professor in the Department of Religious Studies at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. His graduate training was at the University of Chicago. His specialty is ancient Judaism and early Christianity. His books and articles explore the emergence of Christianity from its Jewish, Greek, and Roman contexts. He travels often to Israel and recently participated in the Judean Desert Exploration at Qumran.

Dr. John Reeves is an assistant professor in the Department of Religious Studies and Philosophy at Winthrop University. He did his graduate studies at Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati where he worked with Professor Wacholder, world renowned Dead Sea Scroll scholar and originator of the computer edition of the unpublished Scroll. Dr. Reeves has published a book and several major articles on the Scrolls, which are his main area of expertise.

Dr. Michael Wise is an assistant professor in the Department of Near Eastern Languages at the University of Chicago, where he also received his graduate training. He is an expert in Hebrew and Aramaic, the language spoken in the time of Jesus. He has published two major books and various articles, all focused on the Dead Sea Scrolls. He has been at the center of the controversies surrounding the newly released Scrolls and was one of the very first scholars to examine these materials.

Other Participants

Reverend Jim Miller is the senior minister of Covenant Presbyterian Church, a language specialist and noted Biblical scholar.

Maurice D. Ewing is a member of the Designer Group, a team of Covenant Church volunteers who produce special programs. He is the organizer and convener of this series.

The Lecture Schedule

All sessions will be held from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. except where noted. The first meeting will be at Covenant Fellowship Hall. All the others will be at Children's Theater.

March 7	Orientation and informal viewing of PBS "Nova" Program Featuring The Scrolls	Ewing
March 14	The Dead Sea Scrolls: An Historical Perspective	Miller
March 21	What's What with The Dead Sea Scrolls?	Tabor
March 28	Why All the Controversy about The Dead Sea Scrolls?	Tabor
April 4	The Dead Sea Scrolls and the Jesus Movement	Tabor
April 11	Who Wrote The Dead Sea Scrolls—the Scholarly Consensus	Reeves
April 18	Revolutionaries or Monks—the Masada Connection	Wise
April 18	2:00 to 4:00 p.m. What the Scrolls Tell Us about Judaism and Christianity— a Scholarly Debate	Miller Tabor Reeves Wise

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Temples

Raul Hilberg to Speak April 10 at Temple Israel Charlotte, N.C.

by Lorrie Klemons

Holocaust expert, Dr. Raul Hilberg, will speak about the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising at Temple Israel, Charlotte, N.C., on Saturday evening, April 10. This lecture commemorates the 50th anniversary of that event.

It is both fitting and appropriate that Dr. Hilberg be here during the holiday of Passover because it was during Pesach, 50 years ago, that a small group of Polish Jews attempted to fight back against their oppressors whose goal was the deliberate and horrific annihilation of European Jews.

Raul Hilberg was interviewed in the movie "Shoah" and is the author of *The Destruction of the European Jews* and *Perpetrators Victims By-standers*. He is a member of the President's Commission on the Holocaust, as well as a member of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council. Dr. Hilberg served in the U.S. Army (1944-46), received his Ph.D. in public law and government from Columbia University (1955), taught and lectured through the years, and now serves as professor emeritus of political science at the University of Vermont.

During this upcoming holiday of "giving thanks" for our *exodus* from Egypt, let us not forget our brethren who did not make *exodus* from Europe prior to World War II, but who perished at the hands of their oppressors.

Join us at Temple Israel on April 10 to hear Raul Hilberg's interpretation of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising and to learn what it was about this small band of Warsaw Jews' heroic, yet

suicidal mission of resistance, which contributed so much to our dignity during that catastrophic period of history.

This program is sponsored by the Temple Israel Adult Education Committee through the generosity of Temple Israel member, Steve Hyser. For further information, please call Temple Israel, (704) 362-2796.

Temple Beth El Charlotte, N.C.

by Lynne Cojac

March promises to be full of family and educational activity at Temple Beth El!

A regular family Purim service will take place on Friday, March 5. The Temple's Choir will sing. Costuming and celebration for Purim will be delayed until Sunday, March 7, when a community Purim celebration will be held at the Jewish Community Center from noon to three. Games, prizes, rides, food and a costume contest will all be part of this Purim Carnival being sponsored by Temple Beth El, Temple Israel and the J.C.C.

Sisterhood has initiated a new program called the Cradle Roll for all Temple Beth El children from birth to age five. Birthday cards, hands-on workshops and holiday parties for the children are among the activities planned to help parents begin their child's exposure to Judaism. Cradle Roll will sponsor the first Tot Shabbat of 1993 on March 13.

Adult Education offers a free lecture on Jewish Humor at 7:30 p.m. on March 14. All adults are welcome at this program in the Silverman Social Hall. Dessert and coffee will be served.

Rabbi Leah Benamy will be the guest speaker at the Sisterhood Meeting on March 17 at 7:30 p.m. Please join us at this dessert meeting and learn about the Jewish response to our personal environmental concerns as Rabbi Benamy enlightens us about

becoming *Shomrei Adamah* (Keepers of the Earth).

A "meet and greet" brunch will be held for prospective new members at 11 a.m. on March 21. Peter Levinson, vice president of membership, will address inquiries about this event through the Temple office.

The Post-Confirmation Class of the Consolidated High School of Jewish Studies of Charlotte will conduct a service for Temple Israel and Temple Beth El on March 26. The joint service will be held this year at Temple Israel.

March is *Mitzvah* Madness Month at Temple Beth El's Religious School. *Tzedakah* Projects and lessons teaching the eight steps of Jewish Giving will be coordinated with some of Temple Israel's Religious School programming during our Sunday Religious School classes.

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Temple Beth Shalom Hickory, N.C.

by Terri Sullivan

Temple Beth Shalom recently hosted two representatives of Hickory's new minor league baseball team, The Crawdads. The general manager and marketing representative were speakers at a Sunday Bagel and Egg Brunch held this past month. All the young and young-at-heart were thrilled to receive a baseball cap and to hear all about the upcoming baseball season.

The third weekend of January was our Rabbi's Weekend and was the second meeting of our newly formed "Youth Group." Rabbi Howard Cohen and Director Marc Stammer led the gathering. Stimulating discussion, conversation and pizza were the order of the day. A record number of kids attended and are all looking forward to their next meeting. The group now includes our pre-and post-Bar/Bat Mitzvah classes so there will definitely be an interesting range of topics to cover.

At Saturday night Adult Education, Rabbi Cohen spoke to us about the importance and necessity of Shabbat in our lives. The crowd divided into groups and further discussed the topic at length.

The Hickory community welcomed two new families into the synagogue this month. Our membership chairperson, Susan Cole, is kept busy visiting and phoning new people coming into our area. As Hickory grows, so does our Jewish community expand. Sometimes this can include new permanent members, others passing through and even some new members who do business in our area and live here on a part-time basis. Whatever the situation, we are always happy to welcome new faces to our synagogue functions.

Tentative date for our Art Auction is October 16. More information as it becomes available.



Temple Beth ha-Tephila Asheville, N.C.

by Marjorie Schachter

The Saturday Friendship Circle

Jeanne Vachon was the host at the Jan. 9 meeting, which focused on the topic "How True is the Bible?" Part 3, chapters 1-3 of Borowitz's *Liberal Judaism* provided the background reading. Rabbi Ratner guided the far-ranging and provocative discussion.

Mr. Ken Keenan, the JCS Chancellor and the 1st V.P. of the National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods, was the guest speaker at the Feb. 6 meeting. His topic was "Jewish Men in the 90s."

The Sisterhood

All Sisterhood members and guests were invited to the general meeting on Feb. 7, when a report was given by Fritzi Fligel on the book *Deborah, Golda and Me* by Letty Pogrebin. Shirley Berdie led the subsequent discussion.

The Brotherhood

The subject of Police Chief Beavers' speech on Jan. 24, at the well-attended second Brotherhood brunch of the year, was "Police Service Improvement Project." Chief Beavers plans to re-district the entire Asheville area to make better police coverage possible. The talk was followed by a discussion period, during which Chief Beavers outlined the various police-alarm systems, and mentioned the support for his new programs he has received from the local media.

The Religious School

School principal Jean Hansman extended special thanks to Chris Lang and Betsy Katell for planning the school Chanukah party held on Dec. 6, and also to the Brotherhood and Sisterhood for including the children in the congregational Chanukah party. "Everyone had a wonderful time," she said, "and the religious school students enjoyed being involved in the production."

The Rabbi Gets Around

From the Temple Bulletin: "Among his other recent activities, Rabbi Ratner has met with Mayor Ken Michalove, Rabbi Shmuel Birnham, the regional representatives of Young

Judea, and the children of the Shalom School (to tell a story to all of the classes). He also participated in the Chanukah activities sponsored by the JCC and the Peace Walk, lectured at Mars Hill College, and attended a meeting at the Center for Jewish Studies at UNCA and the JCC Executive Board as well as the naming of David Shalom Birnham at Beth Israel Synagogue.

Finally, Rabbi Ratner and Rabbi Birnham co-led a Chanukah celebration at the Summit." The Summit is an Asheville retirement community.

Outreach

The group's January dinner was held at the home of David and Rosine Levitch on Jan. 9.

"Ask the Rabbi" Shabbat

Following services on Jan. 8, a session with the Rabbi focused on the subject of proselytizing, which is contrary to the practices of Reform Judaism, but common among many other religions.

Mommy, Daddy and Me

A Jewish Holiday program in January included "Challah Making" and a "Tu Bishvat Seder." At the group's Seder, there was "sampling of the many fruits, nuts and juices on the birthday of the Trees," according to the Temple bulletin.

The Tuesday discussion group was moved to Sunday, so that more people could participate. Programming included "Judaism in the Home" in January, "Parenting and Organizing Busy Lives" in March. Future plans include an April session on "Eating Nutritionally & Getting into Shape" and one in May on "Being a Mother/Father—Its Value."

The Rabbi's Message

"I would like to express my sincere thanks to all our hosts and co-hosts Irene & Dick Braun, Anna & Kerry Friedman, Rose and Ted Rose, Jean Hansman, Les & Margy Schachter, Judy & Jerry Haller, Larry & Shirley Rapoport, John & Fritzi Fligel, Scott and Brenda Lebensburger, Betsy & Barry Katell, Ellen and Frank Gilreath, Buddy & Mary Reisenberg, Claire & Jack Orenzow, and Stan and Muriel Marks. . . and to everyone who participated in our recent series of 'Meet

the Rabbi's programs. Thanks, too, to Shirley Berdie and our Sisterhood for coordinating this terrific program.

"These meetings provided a wonderful opportunity for members of our Congregation to meet one another and to share ideas which will shape the programs and ideology of our Congregation for the next several years."

One of the ideas put forward was the use of the classic Union Prayerbook at a service. This was implemented on Friday evening, Jan. 29.

Lunch with the Rabbi

A group met for a brown-bag lunch and a discussion which focused largely on local current events, and what, as a neighborhood entity, our response to these events should be. Speaking of matters in Israel, the Rabbi raised the provocative question of whether the use of torture might ever be justified.

Asheville Jewish Youth Group

Young people in the 8th to 10th grades were alerted to the activities and programs of this group, which draws its members from all the local Jewish organizations.

Hadassah visits the Temple

On Jan. 14, Rabbi Ratner led a discussion on the many current threats to Jewish ways and how Hadassah can combat them.

Welcome!

Warm greetings to new members Dr. Randy & Linda Gergel.

Organizations

Raleigh Chapter of Hadassah by Linda Landau

Many thanks to the 100 plus volunteers who have made Raleigh Hadassah's seventeenth year of Gift Wrap at Crabtree Valley Mall a success. Members and their families spent several hundred hours providing a service to the community during the holiday season while raising much needed funds for Hadassah Medical Organization.

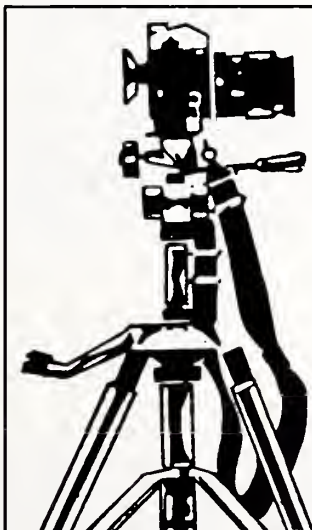
Our thanks to Millbrook Band Boosters who manned the booth on Shabbat. Once again, they did a fine job.

On Jan. 24, the members of Raleigh Hadassah gathered for brunch at Temple Beth Or. The program that followed was entertaining, educational and enlightening.

Gizella Abramson produced a multi-media event about the Sephardim, their history, their lives and struggles and some of their greatest contributions. Gizella transported us back in time to the years prior to the

expulsion from Spain and continued through to Franco's Spain and to the present. We listened to highlights of the works of Emma Lazarus, Rebecca Gratz and Penina Moise. We were charmed by the pleasing melodies of Ladino romances. We viewed maps of the Old World, several of which were remarkably accurate and discovered that they were made by Sephardim, although the identities of the cartographers were often hidden.

The admiration and affection felt by Gizella for the Sephardim touched us all.



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Lubavitch of North Carolina

by Rabbi Yossi Groner

Purim at Lubavitch

Purim falls this year on Sunday, March 7, beginning Saturday night at nightfall. As the day before Purim falls on Shabbat, it pushes back the Fast of Esther to Thursday, March 4.

Purim is the most joyous day of the year, and perhaps the most festive day. Children and adults look towards this day with anticipation and excitement. Children masquerade as Queen Esther or King Ahasuerus of old Persia. Food gifts are exchanged among friends; charity is distributed among the poor; we feast on good food, eat *Hamantaschen* and drink wine.

One of the essential practices of Purim is reading the Scroll of Esther, also known as *Megillat Esther*. The scroll, which is written on genuine parchment by a qualified scribe, is usually read at the synagogue at the evening service and on the morrow during the morning service.

The Chabad House in Charlotte will host a grand Purim party on Saturday night, March 6, 7:30 p.m. The evening will feature the reading of the Scroll of Esther. Children will receive *groggers* which are traditional noisemakers to use when stamping out Haman's name.

Hamantaschen and other holiday delights will be served. Special Purim packets will be available to everyone in order to better celebrate the holiday. Children are encouraged to come dressed in costume; adults may also dress up in costume.

Purim morning will see a traditional service at Chabad House at 9:00 a.m. The service will include the reading of the *Megillah* and a special short portion in the Torah scroll.

A special Purim program will take place on Sunday for children aged five and up. The program will begin at 10:00 a.m. till 1:00 p.m. and will include many exciting Purim activities and a holiday feast fit for a king. A small charge will cover the full morning's events.

During the day of Purim it is important to remember to observe the five laws (*Mitzvot*) especially designated



(L. to R.) Ms. Dawn Denby, Alex Comen and Sarah Mazur doing art project at Lubavitch Preschool.

for Purim observance. They are: 1) Recital of the *Al Hanissim* prayer during services; 2) Reading or listening to the reading of the scroll of Esther, 3) Sending at least two edible food gifts to a friend; 4) Giving gifts of charity to at least two poor people; 5) Feasting on a festive holiday meal in honor of Purim.

Lubavitch-Chabad Centers in the Carolinas have sent colorful Purim Brochures to over 8,000 Jewish households in the Carolinas. If you need more information on Purim activities, call your closest Carolina Lubavitch Chabad Center: in Charlotte, (704) 366-3984; in Raleigh, (919) 847-8986; in Columbia, (803) 782-1831; in Myrtle Beach, (803) 448-0035.

Tu b'Shevat Celebration

The 15th day of the Hebrew month of Shevat is considered by Jewish Law as the new year for trees. This year it came on Feb. 6, which was also "Shabbat Shirah," the Sabbath of song. On that Shabbat we read the *sidra B'Shalach*, in Exodus, which contains the song of deliverance that the Jews sang after the miracle of the Red Sea.

At Chabad House of Charlotte, a special Kiddush-feast was held in honor of the day. One of the interesting customs of the day is to eat from the five fruits with which Israel has been blessed. They are figs, dates, pomegranates, (grape) wine and olives.

The large crowd which assembled for this traditional event enjoyed delicious Sabbath food, sang many lively Jewish tunes and listened to some of the many thoughts about the significance of the day.

Lubavitch Day School and Preschool

The Lubavitch School Open House on Jan. 17 was a major success. Many prospective parents came to examine the classrooms closely and sample the many activities afforded graciously by the teachers. The results were seen immediately in the days following the Open House by the surge of school registrations received at the office.

Visitors were amazed by the exciting, colorful life that exists in each classroom, from the youngest in preschool to the oldest in day school. The school provides a rich and meaningful education to each child. The visitors were impressed by the bright, attractive classroom design and the fine artwork produced by the students. The extra care given to each detail and the supreme quality education that the school provides have won over many parents to the Lubavitch school.

Fern Sanderson, school director, invites any parents interested in visiting the school to please schedule an appointment, and she will be happy to show them around. For more information about the Lubavitch School, please call Fern Sanderson at (704) 366-3984.

Chabad of Myrtle Beach

Rabbi Doron Aizenman, director of Chabad of Myrtle Beach, is proud to announce that Congregation Chabad has received a Sacred Torah scroll on a long-term loan from Congregation Ohav Shalom in Dillon.

The Torah scroll was presented by Moses Kornblut and his son Harold. In an emotional statement, Rabbi Aizenman and members of the Chabad board of directors gave thanks to the Kornbluts, and to Arthur Reimer and Phil Bernanke and family for their assistance in this endeavor.

The board which includes Hugo Schiller and Nissim Mizrachi expressed their sincere thanks to the

Dillon community and members of Congregation Ohav Shalom for their generous deed which has certainly helped the young Chabad community in Myrtle Beach.

It is also worthwhile to point out that the Bernanke Family donated the library of their father Rev. Harold Friedman (OBM) to the Chabad school. Rev. Friedman was *Baal Koreh* at Temple Israel, Charlotte for many years before he moved to Dillon. Rabbi Aizenman commented on the fact that many of the books are over a hundred years old and are currently being used by young children on a daily basis to learn Hebrew and Torah. "This is an example of how our beautiful heritage is being passed from generation to generation, and once again demonstrates that *Am Yisrael Chai*."

Purim in Myrtle Beach

A grand Purim celebration and concert will be held at the Landmark Hotel in Myrtle Beach on Purim day, Sunday, March 7, 8:00 p.m. This is in addition to the Saturday night service and festival which will take place at the Chabad House on North Oak Street.

A large crowd of Israeli and American Jews are expected to attend the feast and concert. The evening will feature the world renowned Israeli entertainer Ron Eliran, who was a superstar in Israel as far back as the

Six Day War in 1967.

Chabad of Myrtle Beach extends a warm invitation to all Jews in the Carolinas to attend this festive event. For more information, call the Chabad office at (803) 448-0035.



Moses Kornblut (holding Torah) and his son Harold J. Kornblut lend Torah of Ohav Shalom of Dillon, S.C., to Chabad of Myrtle Beach.



(L. to R.) Hugo Schiller and Nissim Mizrahi carry the Torah into its new home at Chabad of Myrtle Beach.



Laurel Warfield with her fifth grade students at Lubavitch Day School.

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Carolina Agency for Jewish Education "Show on the Road" Workshop Series

by Lenora Stein, Executive Director

The CAJE "Show on the Road" Workshop series made its first stop in 1993 at Temple Emanuel in Greensboro, N.C., on Sunday, Jan. 24, after Sunday School. Co-sponsored by Temple Emanuel and Beth David Synagogue, a workshop entitled "Made for Media: Creating Videos for the Jewish Classroom" was presented by Sam Eneman, a Charlotte-based free-lance video producer/

Jewish educator. Twenty-three local Greensboro teachers attended.

The next "Show on the Road" Workshop stops in Lynchburg, Va., on Sunday, March 14. "M & M's: Memories, Mitzvot & Mishpochah—Jewish Family Education," presented by Lenora Stein and Roz Cooper, Temple Israel (Charlotte) Education Director. To register, call or write CAJE in Charlotte. We thank our host

congregation Agudath Sholom Congregation, Lynchburg, Va., for extending the invitation.

Have Resources, Will Travel

To sponsor a CAJE "Show on the Road" Workshop in your community in 1993, call Lenora Stein, Executive Director, at CAJE in Charlotte, (704) 366-5007, ext. 272, for all the choices, options and details.



Sam Eneman (center) instructs Louis Friedman (wearing headphones), a Temple Emanuel teacher, on camcorder techniques, as Yael Nishry, Temple Emanuel teacher, and Barry Strulson, a Beth David teacher, look on.



The teachers divided up into two groups to create their own videos about Purim. One group presented a Purim game show, "Purim-Win, Lose or Draw," a video. (Left to right) Louis Friedman on camera; (seated) Marlene Davis, Yael Nishry and Rhonda Draper, all Temple Emanuel teachers; (standing) Barry Strulson.



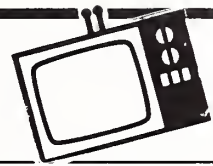
The second group of teachers produced a Purim soap opera, "As Shushan Turns." They even took the tablecloths off the tables for impromptu costumes. (Standing, left to right) Joanne Bernick, Marion Gilligan, Phyllis Klein (behind the camera); (seated) Leah Strulson; and (kneeling) Jessica Klein, all Temple Emanuel teachers.



Sam Eneman taught camcorder basics and production techniques for the classroom teachers in attendance. He included a review of technical terms, educational applications, and plenty of hands-on time, as well as completed productions as part of the workshop.



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Paul Zim, renowned cantor and entertainer, sings with a choir of talented children, "The Haggadettes."

When Elijah Knocks

by Rabbi Charles Kroloff
Behrman House 162 pp.

\$14.95 paperback

Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

According to Jewish tradition, Elijah the prophet, an advocate of the poor, was himself homeless. The tradition tells us that before he died, Elijah announced he would return once in every generation disguised as a poor, oppressed person, knocking at the doors of Jewish homes. How he was treated would determine whether humanity was ready to enter the messianic age. It seems he wasn't treated well.

In his new book, *When Elijah Knocks: A Religious Response to Homelessness*, Rabbi Charles Kroloff of Westfield, N.J., recalls that Jews have often been homeless. As many as 800,000 Jews were forced into exile from Spain, and became homeless. Over centuries before the Inquisition, Jews were expelled from England, Germany and France. Previously

they had been expelled from their own land by Assyrians, then Babylonians and finally Romans.

The Hebrew word that comes closest to the meaning of charity is *tzedaka*, which means righteousness or justice, which is an obligation, not a choice.

Listed in a separate chapter are "Forty Things Everyone Can Do to Help the Homeless," many of which we can do without too much effort.

When Elijah Knocks is praised by President Jimmy Carter, who does outstanding work to house the homeless in the Habitat for Humanity program. There is little disagreement that the numbers of homeless and their condition are a national disgrace, weighing on everyone's conscience.

Rabbi Kroloff challenges the entire society to examine homelessness, to engage others in the concern. His book is a good way to learn what may and must be done. Rabbi Kroloff's congregation of Temple Emanu-El of Westfield, N.J. numbers 1,000 families and provides shelters, food and counsel for the homeless. He instructs future rabbis and serves as Visiting Professor of Practical Rabbinics at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion.

The Myth and Reality of Judaism

by Simon Glustrom

Behrman House Publishers 226 pp.
paperback \$6.95

Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

One of the 82 myths debunked in this interesting book is that *Israel should not be called a Jewish State just as the United States is not called a Christian country*. The following is an excerpt:

"More Jews take exception to the often expressed view that the United States is a Christian society, even

though the vast majority of Americans are Christians. Christmas is celebrated as a national holiday in the United States and the holiday spirit pervades everywhere for weeks before. Although most Jews are affected by the predominance of Christian influences throughout the year, they still maintain that America must not be identified as a Christian society; to do so would contravene the First Amendment of the Bill of Rights in the U.S. Constitution. 'Congress should make no law respecting an establishment of religion. . .'

"By the same token, some Jews are

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hesitant to call Israel a Jewish State for the very reason that America should not be referred to as a Christian country. Since Israel is also a democracy, they reason that it should not be associated with a particular religious preference.

"But the words Christian and Jewish are not really opposites. The former always bears a religious connotation; the latter carries a broader meaning and is not confined to a religion. It includes as well the cultural life of the Jewish people, and even the creative achievements of the secular Jewish community in Israel.

"Therefore, when referring to the Jewish State we do not imply that Israel is or should become a theocracy, even though a small but vocal minority conceive it as such. Israel is a Jewish State in the sense that it is dedicated to the preservation and promotion of Jewish values and Jewish cultural creativity. . .

"It is a moot question whether Israel would continue to be called a Jewish State if Jews were no longer the majority. . ."

Read the many misconceptions set straight in *The Myth and Reality of Judaism*.

Seeking the Path to Life

by Ira F. Stone

Jewish Lights 107 pp. \$19.95

Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

Seeking the Path to Life is subtitled, *Theological Meditations on God and the Nature of People, Love, Life and Death*, which accurately describes Rabbi Stone's effort to help humanity to survive through an understanding of our relationship to God.

This book is "for those who seek spirituality in their lives," as Rabbi Irving Greenberg (president of CLAL, the National Center for Learning and Leadership) has wisely advised. Rabbi Stone speaks of creation, redemption, Torah, and of experiences like anger, war and marriage. He speaks from his own experiences, with deep faith in God and Jewish Scriptures. He has experienced death ultimately, and understands it.

Believing strongly in the importance of language in expressing the meanings he teaches, he has written for everyone, and his insights have been praised by clergy of Jewish and Christian denominations. Rabbi Stone has separated the subjects of which he writes into dozens of short chapters, which would appear to simplify his treatise. Do not be deceived; his thinking is deep and abstract, and *Seeking the Path to Life* is not an easy "how-to" book.

The reader will find much food for thought and study, but will need to bring some of his own faggots to the fire of the author's theological meditations and counsel.

Ira F. Stone is rabbi at Temple Beth Zion-Beth Israel in Philadelphia. He is 43 years old, a graduate of the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York. He began his career as a paraprofessional social worker and street worker with drug abusing youth in New York City. He served as rabbi at Congregation Beth Shalom of Seattle before going to Philadelphia. He has published poetry and has contributed essays on Jewish texts and theology to various journals. He is married and has three children.

The death of twin sons, one at birth and the other six weeks later, caused him to intensify his search for the meaning of life and death. Sharing the lives of his congregants has enriched the search of his keen intellect for answers to questions harbored in the minds of all thinking humanity.

Jewish Literacy

by Rabbi Joseph Telushkin

William Morrow and Company, Inc.
688 pp. \$24.95

Reviewed by Peter Baumgarten

This book is the next best thing to a whole shelfful of the *Jewish Encyclopedia*. It covers topics of history, biography, modern Jewish life, and Jewish literature, both religious and secular. It found its genesis when Rabbi Telushkin, an author and lecturer, sat down with his friends, and the topic of E.D. Hirsch's *Cultural Literacy* came up—the book that tried

to define the basic units of knowledge that every American needed in order to be culturally literate. Without any delay, Rabbi Telushkin started compiling a Jewish literacy list, and then for the next month recorded, whenever it occurred to him, a Jewish term, a personality, a historical event or a biblical value.

The book is divided into 15 major sections, and in each there are 5 to 25 topics. Thus, at random, there's the burning bush, the Babylonian and Palestinian Talmud, Henrietta Szold, Zionism, Jewish texts and the Holocaust. There's an Index and many cross-references. Each discussion is one or two pages long, long enough to get into the meat of things. Each article displays thorough knowledge. The editing is excellent, making this a very readable book.

The only wish I had was that Hebrew would be used for terms directly, plus the transliterations which are provided. I was reminded of Philip Birnbaum's *Book of Jewish Concepts*, which dealt with this problem straightforwardly, with indexes in Hebrew, English and transliteration. Birnbaum's book (which is now out of print) does not have the profusion of historical material that Telushkin has, but stressed the concepts in greater theoretical depth. Telushkin may want to add a few more details to his topics in future editions.

If you don't have a good Jewish reference book, this is it!

Mr. Baumgarten is a contributing writer who lives in Aiken, S.C.

Questions of Faith: Contemporary Thinkers Respond

Edited by Dolly K. Patterson
Trinity Press 116 pp. paperback
Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

Reprinted in paperback from the original 1990 edition, *Questions of Faith* offers thoughts of 37 "extraordinary people in response to age-old questions concerning God, prayer, good and evil," etc. The quotation is from the back cover. Norman Lear

judged this book to be a step toward the answers.

Contributors to *Questions of Faith* range through thinkers from many segments of our population. Their photos and short bios are on the final pages of the book.

Among thoughts I liked best in this book, several are from the well known rabbi, Harold S. Kushner. In answer to "Who is God?" he stressed acts of kindness, thoughtfulness, self-discipline, which manifest the presence of God: "...In Exodus 33, when Moses asks to see God's face, the Lord tells Moses he can't see God's face, but he can see his back. Well, I don't believe that God really has a back. I think what God was telling Moses is that we too can't see God directly, face to face. But we can see God's after-effects. We can see the difference God makes in a person's life."

Responding to "What good is prayer?" there was general agreement that God is not Santa Claus, that we don't get rewards for being good, nor can God be manipulated. Rabbi Kushner said, "That's just not the way the world works." Susan Schnur, Reconstructionist rabbi, refers to strength derived from prayer in community.

Harold Kushner also assesses organized religion and finding others with your needs. Others answering "Who needs organized religion?" admitted the shortcomings, but agreed that churches and synagogues fill a need. Dr. James M. Lawson, Jr., Methodist pastor noted for his work in the civil rights movement, said, in part, "Organized religion is God's deliberate intention for people to come together and recognize that they have a strength to oppose evil, and in their unity, to transform the earth. They have this strength together, not apart." Ah, there is our assignment of *Tikkun Olam*, once again.

The few answers to "How do you deal with religious differences?" are comforting. There are admissions of former exclusionary views in Christianity. There was total affirmation of religious freedom, and recognition of

different prescriptions for different illnesses, as Rabbi Kushner put it.

Daniel P. Matthews is rector of the historic Parish of Trinity Church in New York City and chairman of an interfaith cable television station. In response to "What matters, anyway?" he said: "Loving relationships give my life meaning. I live to love and be loved. I work hard to win affection and approval. If I'm really honest, what I deeply want is to be loved. I want to find someone who will accept my love, whether it's on the street, in the elevator, or within my family. I desperately want to love and be loved. When I feel like I'm loved, everything seems to make sense." That may sound corny to some, but it seems to be fundamentally truthful.

Questions of Faith would be an excellent text for a season of discussion.

The Bible As a Problem for Christianity

by Robert P. Carroll

Trinity Press 159 pp. Paperback

Interpreting Difficult Texts: Anti-Judaism and Christian Preaching

by Clark M. Williamson and

Ronald J. Allen

Trinity Press 133 pp. Paperback

Faith and Piety in Early Judaism: Texts and Documents

by George W. E. Nickelsburg and

Michael E. Stone

Trinity Press 234 pp. Paperback

Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

Three paperback editions of original books now reprinted in paper covers form an interesting trio in which efforts are made to interpret the New Testament in the light of the historical background from which it arose.

The authors of these books are painfully aware of the major part played by the teachings of Christianity in the long history of anti-Semitism. Robert Carroll is professor

in Biblical studies at the University of Glasgow. Clark Williamson is a systematic theologian and Ronald Allen is a biblical scholar, both of whom teach at Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis.

George Nickelsburg is professor of religion at the University of Iowa, and his co-author Michael E. Stone is professor of Armenian studies and of Jewish thought at Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

In the first two books hereabove listed, the authors acknowledge that the texts of the New Testament are not about to be substantially altered. They cite many anti-Jewish passages which have incited acts of hostility and violence in the Christian world. Current scholarship has sought to establish from scant, available sources the actual political and historic facts of the period in which Christianity arose.

Their program is to inspire teachers and preachers to explain the influences on the writers of the New Testament books which prompted them to condemn Jews and Judaism.

Robert P. Carroll, in *The Bible As a Problem for Christianity*, emphasizes the fact that critical study of the Bible is part of the modern world and is not compatible with the medieval world. The Bible, he says, may be read for cultural, literary or historical reasons, but *not* for information on the world we live in.

Although Robert Carroll criticizes contradictions and inconsistencies in the Hebrew Bible as well as in the New Testament, he writes in his fervent desire to admit Christian guilt for the Holocaust. After Auschwitz, he says, the admission must be made that Christianity is "at the bone of anti-Semitism."

This is the liveliest of these three worthwhile books. Carroll's sincerity is evident when he says, "...in the fullness of time, the number of murdered Jews would belittle the crucifixion itself."

In *Interpreting Difficult Texts*, in Chapter 4, written by Clark Williamson (once a speaker at the Interfaith Institute at Wildacres) is the plea that preachers deal with difficult texts. He

opposes literal acceptance of the Bible, noting the fact that Jews have always interpreted their Scriptures, laying the oral Torah alongside the written Torah.

Williamson and Allen call for *appropriate* teaching, in accordance with moral teachings of Christianity and the basic belief that God's love is for all peoples. Supersession and exclusive attitudes are in conflict with teachings of Jesus, regardless of what was written in the Gospels.

These books cover the period from 200 B.C.E. until 100 C.E. From what is known of Jewish sects and the influence of Greek philosophy and Hellenism, we gain a better understanding of the climate of the times.

Many books dealing with biblical criticism and anti-Semitism are the result of an extensive effort to study and explain the conflict between Christianity and Judaism. The hope is that their intended effect will be accomplished as interest grows.

Science, Faith, Echoes of Eternity

by James P. Jacobs

James Press, Inc.

336 pp. \$5.95 paperback

Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

In *Science, Faith, Echoes of Eternity*, James P. Jacobs undertakes to prove that Jews did not crucify Jesus, but that Romans did. He begins with Vatican II and the intentions of Pope John XXIII in convening that council.

The intent was to eradicate the centuries of hate promulgated by Christian preachings, found in the New Testament, with the understanding that anti-Semitism culminating in the Holocaust was largely due to Christian teachings. Although the Pope was supported by Cardinal Bea, a group of conservative leaders of the Curia strongly opposed them, and Pope John died too soon to succeed.

The author's theory uses the Dead Sea Scrolls, which are documents of the Essenes, to prove that Jesus taught pure Judaism, and that the First Church of Jerusalem and its founders, James and Peter, were all in solid agreement with the Mosaic laws, to which the Essenes strictly conformed. Other sources are Roman histories and the New Testament.

Realizing that Judea could not defeat Rome on the battlefield, Jesus launched a spiritual campaign to spread the teachings of Judaism throughout the Roman world, and the author argues that this was also what was intended by those who took the message of Christianity out to the inhabitants of the Roman Empire.

Throughout the first third of this volume, the author gives the history of the world in which Christianity arose.

The rest of the book is a novel, *Echoes of Eternity*, in which the characters of the story offer the same treatise within a love story.

Included in the author's perspective is some reference to science and

philosophy, relying heavily on the vision of Albert Einstein. There is frequent mention of the Cabbala and mysticism. I found those references unconvincing, and they were unsubstantial.

Science, Faith, Echoes of Eternity is introduced as original in concept and its author as being an original thinker in philosophy and science. He was nominated for a Nobel Prize for cancer research, is the author of other books from which he quotes on subjects related to his thesis in this book.

So much has been written and taught increasingly in the past fifty years, that it is difficult to agree that this is an original work, except perhaps in the attempt to include scientific theories, which to this reader seemed marginal. Perhaps my inadequate background in science precludes my appreciation of that part of the work. But the explanation of the Jewish background of Jesus and the Jewish roots of Christianity is well documented and will be enlightening to anyone who is unfamiliar with this theme.

Tough Choices

by Albert Vorspan and

David Saperstein

UAHC Press 290 pp. \$11.00 + \$2.50 for shipping, 838 Fifth Ave., New York, NY 10021

Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

Do Jews still have a passion for social justice? *Tough Choices* will convince the reader that the passion is inherent in Judaism, and we have been assigned the duty to bring the message of justice and hope to mankind.

The cornerstone of the foundation of the United States is religious liberty, which has attracted Jews and other seekers of freedom since the early days of this country's development. It is incumbent upon us to safeguard that liberty and the goals envisioned by the founding fathers and those followers who sought to fulfill the promise.

The authors of *Tough Choices* examine the issues of religious liberty which the First Amendment guaran-

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tees, still debated in the public arena. The wall of separation between church and state is a vital concern to us. The Orthodox Jewish community stands with the Roman Catholic spokesmen and the more fundamentalist segments of Protestantism on the issue of public funding for parochial schools. The Supreme Court abdicates its role of protector, so that decisions will be made by the states. We must make our voices heard, if we wish to preserve the safeguard of separation.

The meaning of Zionism to American Jews is examined deeply. Is Israel central to Jews, and is it to be a light unto the nations? Is Israel a part of the Jewish people, or is it the other way around? Is dialogue with the Arab nations the path to peace? We are reminded that Ahad Ha-Am, an architect of the idea of the Jewish State, Reform Rabbi Judah L. Magnes, who made aliyah in 1922 and who founded Hebrew University, as well as Martin Buber all pleaded for a binational state.

That idea fell victim to ceaseless hostility between Arabs and Jews and the trauma of the Holocaust. Whatever the resolution may be, American Jews are encouraged to speak out in an attempt to influence Israeli policy. Such a role for us is discussed from several views.

Anti-Semitism and its importance are a perennial subject of our concern, the substance of Chapter 9. The decline and increase of anti-Semitism through the history of this country govern our feelings of security. Causes, effects and responses are outlined, with added references to anti-Semitism in other countries. We are left with the question: Is the problem of survival of Judaism in the United States one of threat by anti-Semites who hate us, or by intermarriage with those who love us? Truly, the fate of American Jews is interwoven with the health of our total society.

Therefore, we must be vigilant. All of the issues in *Tough Choices* are vital. They include Social Justice, Civil Rights and Racial Justice, Economic Justice, Peace and Interna-

tional Affairs, The Environmental Crisis, among all that will influence our future. All are under the banner of Social Justice, and the call is heard loud and clear for us to study and to care and to join with our community in the effort to help make correct decisions.

Albert Vorspan, author and coauthor of UAHC Press publications dealing with social justice and action, has long been active in the civil rights and peace movements and in interfaith relations, guided by his devotion to prophetic Judaism.

David Saperstein, rabbi and attorney, is codirector and counsel of the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism in Washington, D.C., and adjunct professor in Comparative Jewish American Law at Georgetown University Law School. He, too, has written on political action and social justice and is author and editor of five books on that subject.

Reading *Tough Choices* will enforce the principles of human freedom, the dignity of the human being and the supreme importance of human life.

Dialogues in Judaism: Jewish Dilemmas Defined, Debated, Explored

**by Rabbi William Berkowitz
Jason Aronson, Inc. 528 pp. \$39.95
From a review by Julian N. Jablin**

Better than 80 years ago a book titled *Heavenly Discourse* by Charles Erskine Scott Wood was the talk of the day. Some great thinkers of history gathered in some heavenly dell to discuss the issues of the mid-1920s. The result was a thought-provoking tour de force.

What would happen if Scott's concept were updated? Could an imaginative writer assemble a cast of contemporary thinkers and put answers to contemporary questions into their mouths?

Sharpen the focus. Visualize a diverse group of almost 30 outstanding men and women—real people, not shades drawn from historical works—

analyzing and commenting from their experience and expertise on today's Jewish issues. That is what *Dialogues in Judaism* is about.

Rabbi Berkowitz has assembled a stellar gallery which runs the gamut from Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz and Dr. Cecil Roth, through Henry Kissinger and Elie Wiesel, to Isaac Bashevis Singer to talk about what each knows best.

For the thoughtful Jew seeking answers about his or her place among our People, the pages of *Dialogues in Judaism* provide a guide to perplexing questions.

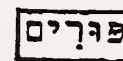
World-famous figures discuss the dimensions of Jewish practice; the relationship of Judaism to psychiatry; Yiddish literature and Jewish humor; the Jewish past and future; the meaning of the Holocaust; the place of Israel in the Middle East and the world.

This book can be read cover to cover, or it is an excellent resource; giving the reader the opportunity to check into the specific concepts developed by particular individuals, or check into the actual factors surrounding an event.

The 28 contributors appeared individually with Rabbi Berkowitz in a series of lecture-discussions which is one of the outstanding educational and cultural endeavors offered in New York City.

It must be a gigantic task—selecting appropriate speakers who have relevance to matters of the day or to basic issues of the times. Then, the interviewer must be well prepared, with adequate general background and specific information about his speaker's current activities to raise the appropriate questions. Rabbi Berkowitz apparently fills the bill on all accounts, as this excellent book bears witness.

Julian N. Jablin is a Chicago-based free-lance writer who has had a long career in Jewish communal activities.



Hungarian Jewish Victims Listed in New Book

The memorial project to commemorate the Hungarian Jewish victims of the Holocaust has published a second volume of names listing 15,000 members of the forced labour battalions who were sent to the Ukraine and were killed or disappeared there. Along with each listed name the following information is recorded: birth-date & birth location, mother's maiden name, location-date-final status, and ID number. The title of this volume is *NEVEK, SHAYMOT, NAMES of Jewish Victims of Hungarian Labour Battalions*. The Beate and Serge Klarsfeld Foundation and Yad Vashem have taken the initiative in bringing this information to the general public as a means of combatting the revisionist "historians" who are repeating the "Big Lie" that there was no Holocaust. Additional volumes will be available in the future. In time, nearly all the Hungarian Jewish victims of the Holocaust will be listed in this series of books.

Anyone wishing to obtain information about individuals who might be listed in this volume, or the first volume: *NAMES of the Jews who were deported from Hajdu County, Hungary* may contact Louis Schonfeld, the sole distributor of the NAMES volumes in North America, who has taken on this task in order to promote the project. Mr. Schonfeld may be reached by mail at P.O. Box 34152, Cleveland, Ohio 44134-0852 or by leaving a message on his answering machine at (216) 661-3970 or by fax at (216) 741-7329.

Related to this offer, Mr. Schonfeld has prepared a bibliography of Yizkor books written for a number of cities and areas in greater Hungary. This is a listing of over 30 books, each commemorating a different city, town or village and its Jewish inhabitants. The locations include areas in Hungary, Slovakia, Carpato-Russia and Transylvania. He will be happy to send the bibliography to anyone who sends him a large self addressed stamped envelope.

God's Paintbrush

by Sandy Eisenberg Sasso
Jewish Lights 32 pp. \$15.95
Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

This new children's book is written for children from five to ten years of age. Sandy Eisenberg Sasso and Annette Compton, illustrator, have created for children of all faiths a wonder work of thought and beauty.

Each page is rich with living experiences which can be understood by each child, and the wealth of colors from Annette Compton's talent that should inspire every reader to take up a paintbrush.

This book is praised for being interactive between adults and children and inclusive of all races and beliefs in language as well as picture. The book radiates joy in nature, in play and in everyday living. Fear and wonders are included, as well as friendship, love and gratitude.

The author is the second woman to be ordained as a rabbi (in 1974) and the first rabbi ever to become a mother. With her husband Dennis, they were the first rabbinical couple to serve a congregation together, Beth El Zedeck in Indianapolis. Sandy Eisenberg Sasso specializes in the religious imagination of children, a subject many parents find difficult to deal with, while conscious of its importance.

Considered as an exhibition of the art of watercolor, together with a source of spiritual guidance, *God's Paintbrush* is recommended as a valuable gift for the child with whom you have a close relationship, your own or your grandchild, or another who is special to you.

The Classic Cuisine of the Italian Jews II

by Edda Servi Machlin
Giro Press 272 pp. \$27.50
Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

The Classic Cuisine of the Italian Jews II is more than a great cookbook. It is the second book by Edda Servi Machlin, who was born in Italy in 1926, in which she offers not only

recipes, but valuable, interesting information about the Jews of Italy.

Italian Jewry today consists of direct descendants of the Jews who came from the land of Israel and settled in Italy long before the advent of Christianity, and of the Jews who came from different countries at different times.

Anyone who has visited Italy long enough to get to know the Italians closely realizes that food is one of the passions of these people. Italian Jews adopted their cuisine and added to it with their own creativity, with observance of the rules of Kashrut.

For a short lesson in the history of Jews in Italy over more than two millennia and a wealth of recipes that will improve the skills of those who love to cook, this book will become a prized possession.

A definitive index divides the recipes thus: Soups, Pasta, Meat (Beef, Veal, Lamb, Poultry), Fish, Vegetables, Salads, Sauces, Breads (a surprising variety), and Desserts. Another index divides the recipes into Dairy, Meat and Pareve categories. Still another is alphabetical.

Giro Press can be reached at P.O. Box 203, Croton-on-Hudson, N.Y. 10520, Phone (914) 271-8924.

Polpettine di Carne e Patate Meat and Potato Patties

This dish was obviously born to make use of leftover meats. Its plebeian origin notwithstanding, it is a very pleasant dish you can serve with a soup and/or a tossed salad for lunch or even at dinner.

1-1/2 cups cooked meat, cubed
2 or 3 medium boiling potatoes, cooked, peeled and mashed
2 eggs, slightly beaten
1 Tbsp. freshly chopped Italian parsley
1 small clove garlic, minced
Salt
Freshly ground black pepper
Dash nutmeg
1 cup fine bread crumbs (optional)
Vegetable oil for frying

Grind the meat and combine with potatoes, eggs, parsley, garlic and nutmeg. Add salt and pepper to taste and mix very well. Spoon by the heaping tablespoon onto oiled hands and shape into round patties. Roll in fine bread crumbs (optional) and pat to remove excess.

Heat oil in a large skillet and fry until golden brown on both sides. Serve immediately. Serves 6 to 8.

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Cover the pan tightly and bring to a simmer over medium heat. Turn the heat to low and gently simmer the fish and vegetables for about 30 minutes, or until most of the sauce has been absorbed.

Makes about 4 servings as a main dish, or more as a first course.

Also from *The Jewish Holiday Cookbook* is this recipe:

Spicy Chick-Peas and Rice

- 2 Tbsp. good quality olive oil
- 1 medium-sized onion, finely chopped
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- 2 cups cooked brown rice (or cooked white rice)
- 1 15-16 oz. can chick-peas, drained
- 1/2 cup warm water
- 2 Tbsp. finely chopped fresh parsley leaves
- 1/2 tsp. dried marjoram leaves
- 1/2 tsp. dried basil leaves
- 1/4 tsp. ground cumin
- 1/4 tsp. ground turmeric
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/8 tsp. black pepper, preferably freshly ground

In large skillet, over medium-high heat, heat the oil; then saute the onion and garlic until they are tender but not browned. Stir in the remaining ingredients until well combined. Turn the heat to low and cover the skillet. Simmer the mixture, stirring occasionally, for 15 to 20 minutes, or until the flavors have blended.

Makes about 6 servings as a side dish.

Hamantaschen

- 2/3 cup shortening
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 egg
- 3 Tbsp. milk or water
- 1/2 tsp. vanilla
- 2 cups sifted flour

Cream shortening and sugar. Add egg and continue creaming until smooth. Add liquid and flavoring and stir in sifted flour till a ball of dough is formed. Chill 2 to 3 hours or overnight. Roll out on lightly floured board to 1/8" thickness. Cut into 4" rounds. Place ball of filling on dough and bring edges together to form a triangle, pinching the seams together from top down to corners. Bake on a well greased cookie sheet 10 minutes at 375°.

Poppyseed and Honey Filling

- 2 cups poppyseed
- 1 cup water or milk
- 1/4 cup honey
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1/8 tsp. salt
- 2 eggs (optional)

Combine poppyseed (large seeds should be scalded, drained and pounded or put through food chopper, using fine blade), liquid, honey, sugar and salt in a saucepan. Cook over moderate heat till thick, stirring to prevent scorching. Let cool before adding eggs, beating in thoroughly. If the addition of eggs thins out filling too much, return to heat and stir while cooking 1 to 2 minutes. Fills 24 Hamantaschen.

Dried Fruit Filling

- 1/2 cup each seeded or seedless raisins, pitted
- prunes, dried apricots
- 1/2 cup dry bread or cake crumbs
- 4 Tbsp. honey

Combine ingredients and heat over boiling water till honey is melted. Stir well and remove from heat. When cold, use as filling. If too thick, add lemon juice. If not thick enough, add more crumbs.

From *Jewish Cookery*, by Leah W. Leonard

NOTE: Solo canned fillings may be used instead of above fillings.



An excerpt from the new Animated Megilla which will be distributed to 13,000 Jewish school children throughout the former Soviet Union by the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee. The Animated Megilla is a scroll in Hebrew and Russian decorated with full-color photographs of three-dimensional clay figures depicting the Purim story. Photo by Scopu Productions

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Jewish Fund Awards Grants to Two North Carolina Groups

"With renewed hope that the new Administration will focus needed attention on the relentless poverty faced by so many Americans, we proudly announce our most recent grants—a testimony to the **Jewish Fund for Justice's (JFJ)** ongoing commitment to help others help themselves," stated Marlene Provizer, executive director of the Fund, in publicizing JFJ's fall-winter grantees.

Thirty-eight groups received grants totalling more than \$230,000 to assist them in fighting for justice on a wide spectrum of issues. Two groups in North Carolina, **Good Work, Inc.** and **North Carolina Fair Share**, received grants of \$5,000 each. Using creative models and gutsy tactics, JFJ grantees have worked hard to increase people's access to resources in struggling communities.

Good Work is a new organization which enables low-income people to start their own small businesses through peer borrowing groups. It plans to develop multi-racial lending circles with an emphasis on forming lending circles in public housing projects, and has secured agreements that allow its loan recipients to set up savings accounts in banks with minimal balance waivers.

North Carolina Fair Share is a statewide coalition of religious, housing, labor, peace, civil rights and community organizations seeking to give voice to the concerns of low and moderate-income people. It has won commitments from the state to increase health care for pregnant women and infants in underserved rural areas and is expanding its efforts to organize low-income women in counties with high rates of breast cancer but no screening facilities, with the goal of gaining access to low-cost or free screenings.

The Jewish Fund for Justice,

founded in 1984, affirms the historic commitment of the Jewish people to work for social and economic justice. Since 1985 it has awarded 285 grants to advocacy and organizing groups fighting poverty in 42 states and the District of Columbia.

For more information, please contact Rachel Breen, Jewish Fund for Justice, (212) 677-7080, 920 Broadway, Suite 605, N.Y., N.Y. 10010.

AJCongress Offers Free Tours for Bar and Bat Mitzvah Kids

To celebrate the American Jewish Congress' 75th Anniversary, the organization's International Travel program is offering free tours for the first seventy-five 12-year old girls and 13-year-old boys who register to celebrate their Bar or Bat Mitzvah in Israel as part of the organization's 1993 "Israel for Families" tours, departing in June, July, August and December. To qualify for a free tour, celebrants must be accompanied by full paying tour participants.

AJCongress' "Israel for Families" tours, among its most popular, are designed for families, with members of all ages, and particularly for families celebrating Bar/Bat Mitzvah ceremonies. It is the only such tour available in America which offers a dual Bar/Bat Mitzvah ceremony—at the Western Wall and atop Masada.

In addition to the special ceremonies, the tour has a spectacular itinerary of touring throughout Israel, meetings with Kibbutz members and their children, a visit to Israel's famous aquatic park Luna-Gal, a sound and light show in Jerusalem's old city and even leisure time for travelers to explore on their own.

Full details of AJCongress' "Israel for Families" tour, and on all of the organization's tours to Israel and 40 countries on 6 continents, appear in the 80-page *American Jewish Congress Worldwide Tour Catalogue 1993*, available gratis from the AJCongress International Travel Program, 15 East 84th Street, New York, N.Y., 10028, or nationwide-toll free 800-221-4694.

Organizations Join to Provide Israel Experience Program for Jewish High School Students

The United Jewish Appeal, Council of Jewish Federations, Jewish Community Centers Association, Jewish Education Service of North America and The CRB Foundation have joined together to form a Consortium aimed at providing every Jewish high school student in North America the opportunity to participate in an Israel Experience program.

Speaking on behalf of the Consortium, Charles R. Bronfman, president of The CRB Foundation of Montreal and Jerusalem, stated: "The Israel Experience holds great promise for heightening awareness, strengthening identity and making a significant contribution to contemporary Jewish life, education and Jewish continuity.

"We hope to make it a new rite of passage in the lives of young Jews," he said.

Mr. Bronfman gave details of the five-year pilot project following the showing of a short film about the program on Nov. 12, 1992 to 5,000 delegates attending the General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations. The film will be shown throughout the continent as part of the pilot project.

This cooperative effort will mark the first time these groups have worked together on so broad and extensive a program for Jewish youth.

The goal of the pilot project is to mobilize Jewish communities in the United States and Canada to raise the number of young Jews who have participated in Israel Experience programs from the current level of approximately 8,000 a year to 50,000 annually by the year 2000. The Jewish teenage population in the U.S. and Canada is estimated at around 350,000.

Communities participating in the pilot project will receive annual challenge grants. In addition, Consortium staff will be available to work with the pilot communities in marketing, outreach program development and related local initiatives to encourage

youth travel to Israel. Final details of the financial incentive program of the Consortium are expected to be announced shortly.

Up to 12 Jewish communities in the United States and Canada, beginning with four in 1993, are in the process of being selected by the sponsors to take part in the program.

An advisory committee is being formed of representatives of the American Zionist Youth Foundation and members of the North American Jewish Youth Directors Association.



Dr. Robin Berman

Treating a "Jewish Disease"

Dr. Robin Berman is a woman and a physician with a purpose. A graduate of Yale University and Georgetown University medical school, she is married and the mother of six children. Three of them have Gaucher Disease, and therein lies her mission.

Gaucher (pronounced go-shay) is a genetic disorder that affects mainly Ashkenazi Jews. It is the most common genetic disease affecting Jews, including Tay-Sachs. Two carriers who have children run the risk of one to four that each child will fall prey to the disease. One in 10 Jews is a carrier.

Gaucher is caused by a defective gene. It may cause stunted growth and often an enlarged spleen and/or liver, leading to a distended abdomen and physical deterioration. Other subtle symptoms are bone pain, fractures, fatigue, anemia, easy bruising and bleeding. Victims may be unaware of the disease until such symptoms appear. Both children and adults are affected.

Dr. Berman's first child suffered from Gaucher Disease, and when she discovered he had it at age four, she quit her private practice and worked without pay at the National Institute of Health with Dr. Roscoe Brady, seeking a cure. Dr. Berman and her husband organized the National Gaucher Foundation, of which she is medical director.

Although there is no cure, a treatment has been discovered, which Dr. Berman calls "an absolute miracle." It is administered by intravenous injection. Dr. Berman's children have responded so well that they have resumed normal activities.

Robin Berman and her husband have returned to traditional Jewish faith. She feels "blessed by God," and her goal is for every victim of Gaucher's Disease to return to ordinary life. For information on testing, call the National Gaucher Foundation toll-free at 1-800-925-8885.

New Report on Anti-Semitism in Italy Issued by ADL

The tremendous outpouring on the anniversary of Kristallnacht by tens of thousands of young Italians wearing yellow stars of David and shouting, "We are all Jews," is an expression of the large majority, concludes the report *Anti-Semitism in Italy* issued by the Anti-Defamation League (ADL). The young people were demonstrating in Italian cities on Nov. 9, 1992 to protest anti-Semitism and racism.

"Reports that anti-Semitism was on the rise in Italy were mostly a media event," said Abraham H. Foxman. "There was an erroneous story that a news agency poll indicated that 10.5 percent of all Italians believed that 'Jews are foreigners and should leave the country.'"

The correct figure was 4.5 percent, which Foxman still finds unacceptable even though some experts say that it is endemic to any democratic society and that there is no reason for alarm.

The erroneous story triggered an anti-Semitic incident in Rome where-

by fifty shops were desecrated with yellow stars of David imprinted with "Zionists, leave Italy." The culprits were members of the Nazi-skinhead-revisionist *Movimento Politico Occidentale*, the only openly anti-Semitic national group in Italy. In retaliation, a group of young Jews the next day raided the *Movimento* headquarters and wrecked it.

The ADL International Report, prepared by Lisa Palmieri-Billig, the League's representative in Italy, includes an analysis of the current political situation in Italy, focusing on two political parties that are direct descendants of fascism, the *Movimento Sociale Italiano* (MSI), and the Lombard League. Economic problems, uncontrolled immigration, the Mafia and other serious issues are straining the country, the report states.

"Anti-Semitism as a form of scapegoating remains a possibility," the report warns. "The shouting of anti-Semitic slogans and the unfurling of banners with swastikas by mobs of soccer fans at Italian sports stadiums used as a means of insulting the competing teams is a phenomena that has been growing in recent years."

Some of the counteraction activities already underway in Italy are mentioned in the report. Some examples: The Union of Italian Jewish Communities and several political parties are demanding that *Movimento Politico Occidentale* be outlawed. The Union also negotiated with the Italian Ministry of Education to create an audio-visual program for schools on the history of Jews in Italy and Europe. Representatives of the Catholic community are trying to have the Pope's statements against anti-Semitism included in nationwide school programs on the Catholic religion.

News of Israel

Hadassah Hospital Offers Battered Women Treatment, Comfort and Hope

The grim statistics are in. The estimated number of battered women in Israel per year is approximately 150,000. Since January of 1991, 32 have died as a result of beatings administered by their husbands and boyfriends.*

At Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Center in Ein Karem and on Mt. Scopus, the Emergency Unit staffs under the supervision of the Social Service Departments are more than sensitive to the issue. Both units serve as models for the treatment—physical and emotional—of battered women. Dvora Itzik, 38, coordinator of Hadassah's Social Service Unit on Mt. Scopus, created the Battered Women's Program in 1985. Daniela Ariel, 32, has headed the Battered Women's Program since its inception.

According to Itzik and Ariel, Hadassah's program for battered women serves the entire population of Jerusalem. These women come from all ethnic, religious and socio-economic backgrounds.

"Often these women, in addition to suffering physical injuries, are too embarrassed and frightened to admit that they have been beaten when they arrive at the Emergency Unit. But the staff of doctors and nurses is trained to recognize this as part of the battered women's syndrome, and to alert a social worker whose role is to reassure the victim she has come to the right place and is among friends," said Itzik.

As part of the program, all battered women are hospitalized overnight, even if their physical injuries are not life threatening. Since most battered women arrive with their children, they too are sheltered at the hospital. This overnight period allows the victim time to organize her thoughts and, with the assistance of the social

Joyous Purim

worker, to work out a suitable plan of action.

"Once the physical injuries are treated, we have to rely on their inner strength to help them to pick up the pieces of their lives and heal emotionally," explained Ariel. "Sometimes their cultural background plays a role in their internal resources, so we build that into their treatment.

"For example, we won't send an Arab woman to a shelter if we believe that her family and community will think it wrong for her to go there. The same applies for some Orthodox Jewish women. Sometimes we work with the victim's rabbi or *cadi* and this helps.

"On the whole, regardless of culture, some women have the strength to leave their husbands or boyfriends, while others need time to decide. We find that only when the batterer goes for counseling will the beatings stop, but unfortunately, very few men go for treatment."

Approximately 70 to 80 battered women have been treated each year at Hadassah's Social Service Unit since the program's inception. The Unit sponsors an open hot line on radio to answer questions and offer advice, and holds regular seminars to train staff at other hospitals in Israel to recognize and treat battered women.

Both Itzik and Ariel are active in the field of preventive services and are helping to prepare a booklet for the Israel Ministry of Health outlining methods of treatment for battered women.

**Figures estimated by Na'amat, the Histadrut's Organization of Working Women.*

Youth Aliyah—For Some, the Only Chance

by Sharona Marcovitch
UJA Press Service

At 14, David had the academic abilities of a first grader and the behavioral problems that come with neglect and abandonment. He wasn't the most serious case to walk through the doors of the Kiryat Yearim Youth Vil-

lage, but in the regular school system he had no problem leading "the least likely to succeed list."

David (a pseudonym) was virtually abandoned by his parents. His father left suddenly to be with another woman and his mother was a drug addict living with another man. She was totally indifferent to David and his two brothers. What little guidance he received came from an elderly grandmother who could not cope and approached Youth Aliyah for help.

There are more than 6,000 children from disadvantaged homes who are supported by the Jewish Agency's Youth Aliyah Department. The Kiryat Yearim Village, which is near Jerusalem, is unique as one of the institutions owned and operated by the Jewish Agency. Jewish Agency owned villages are willing and able to accept children with severe problems.

The Jewish Agency is funded by American Jews through the United Jewish Appeal/Federation Annual and Operation Exodus Campaigns. These campaigns fund a range of programs and also support the absorption of hundreds of thousands of Jews from the former Soviet Union.

David has been at Kiryat Yearim two years. During this time he's changed from a surly, aggressive child to a thoughtful adolescent. It's also been enough time for him to gain a perspective on the past. David, who spends time with his mother in Beersheva every other weekend, remarks, "It's sad to go home and see what a mess my mother has made of her life. It really depresses me." He continues, "At least we don't argue now and I think that my mother's actually glad to have me around once in awhile."

At Kiryat Yearim the children feel wanted and loved all the time, not just occasionally. Besides all the attention that the youngsters hungrily accept, they also respond well to a highly structured environment. They're up at 6:30 a.m. and in bed by 9:30 p.m. In between, they attend regular classes, homework study groups and supervised evening activities. During all this, they're enveloped in a security previously unknown to them.

David, discussing his former school in Beersheva, says, "The teachers there acted as if I were an idiot and that made me mad. I'm certainly no genius, but I'm no fool either. Everything is different at Kiryat Yearim. I'm treated with respect here."

Despite the impressive progress he's made, David cannot help but worry about the future. Visibly fearful of the prospect, he says, "I just don't want to end up like my parents." He then adds, "I want to make something of my life, but I'm not sure what."

At the moment no one is quite sure. His social worker, Bracha Ozeri, says that he will not return to Beersheva. She explains "David has changed but his family hasn't, so there's no chance of sending him home." And although his advancement is almost miraculous, he still hasn't caught up enough to attend regular high school. Ozeri says, "If he stays here until he's 18 then maybe he will pass his matriculation exam." After a pause, she adds, "It's only a maybe."

There is one point she's definite about. "He'll be accepted by the army and I know that he'll serve his country admirably." In Israel, there is nothing that draws the line between success and failure for young men as clearly as army service. Stressing the significance, Ozeri adds, "For us the best indication of success is that most of our graduates go on to serve in the army."



In the early morning hours, a JNF forest worker fought the flames at Eshtaol forest, along the Jerusalem corridor. JNF officials reported that over 375 acres and over 150,000 trees were destroyed in this latest of several suspicious fires set in JNF forests within a one-week period.

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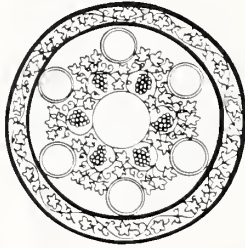
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"Lost Childhoods"—We Must Bear Witness

Editorial

Passover Calls to Freedom

by Estelle Hoffman



During a segment of the TV show, "Sixty Minutes," a reality became startling clear. Acknowledging the decline of American supremacy in the areas of industry, development, education and infrastructure, the program looked at the success of Germany and Japan through the eyes of Lester Turow, an MIT economist.

My first angry reaction was to question why the two Axis powers of World War II, who caused untold misery and devastation, the two evil empires defeated by extreme sacrifice and the united genius and determination of the Allies of the west, have surpassed us in vital areas. The irony is cruel, especially in consideration of the assistance we gave to their recovery.

With the wisdom of history learned, it was declared at the war's end by its victors that a recurrence of such aggression be prevented by forbidding militarism in Germany and Japan forever. To this the defeated powers agreed, and they wrote the law into their new constitutions. (Germany allows its armed forces within NATO territory.)

Relieved of the expense of a military establishment, our former foes proceeded to use all of their resources for a new purpose, to excel in the peaceful global arena. We, the United States of America, launched the greatest military buildup of the ages, in terror of the new evil empire, the Soviet Union.

After almost one-half century of fervid dedication to that cause, we won the Cold War, held up a mirror and saw our economy in shambles, our infrastructure ruined by neglect, and a huge budget deficit. Those who ventured, en route, to call our course a folly were declared un-American. We were told to feel good about ourselves.

Now we see that our resources were not used for the long-term benefit of our nation, though our leaders believed they kept us free and that they made the world safe for democracy. It appears that we are headed in the direction of becoming an underdeveloped nation.

Meanwhile, the Soviet Union destroyed itself by using all of its resources for military purposes and by the corruption and inefficiency of its system. Were they driven by a will to conquer, as we feared? Were they blinded by an obsession similar to ours?

What kind of freedom do we have when blinded by passion? Our long tradition of upward mobility is threatened. Driven by hostility and the goal of military supremacy on earth and in outer space, we have been no longer free to invest in our future.

It seems that Americans for too long have forgotten that the general welfare insures the good of the individual.

There is a sense now of an awakening interest in the tremendous problems in our society, as an increasing number becomes affected by those problems.

There may be still time to rescue the future of this land, believed by some of us to be "the last, best hope on earth." The price of freedom for posterity is not cheap. It requires that everyone care to restore the dream of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness proclaimed by our founders.

As the season of Passover approaches, our thoughts turn to liberation from slavery and to freedom, but not only the freedom from physical bondage and slave trade. The ultimate freedom is best described in the Jewish Reconstructionist Haggadah published in 1942. We quote from it in part:

"We have dedicated this festival tonight to the dream and the hope of freedom, the dream and the hope that have filled the hearts of men from the time our Israelite ancestors went forth out of Egypt. Peoples have suffered, nations have struggled to make this dream come true. . . Though the sacrifice be great and the hardships many, we shall not rest until the chains that enslave all will be broken.

"But the freedom we strive for means more than broken chains. It means liberation from all those enslavements that warp the spirit and blight the mind . . . For men can be enslaved in more ways than one.

"Men can be enslaved to themselves. When they let emotion sway them to their hurt, when they permit harmful habits to tyrannize over them, they are slaves. . .

"Men can be enslaved by poverty and inequality. When the fear of need drives them to dishonesty and violence, to defending the guilty and accusing the innocent, they are slaves. When the work men do enriches others, but leaves them in want, . . . they are slaves. . .

"How deeply these enslavements have scarred the world! The wars, the destruction, the suffering, the waste! Pesah calls us to be free, free from the tyranny of our own selves, free from the enslavement of poverty and inequality, free from the corroding hate that eats away the ties which unite mankind.

"Pesah calls upon us to put an end to all slavery! Pesah cries out in the name of God, 'Let my people go.' Pesah summons us to freedom."

Let us keep in mind the importance of freedom for all, and let us honestly do everything possible to work towards that end.

A happy Pesach!

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From the Editor

This month we celebrate Pesach by gathering around the Seder table and reading the Haggadah, as we do every year. Each of us recalls the events of Passover as if we had been slaves in Egypt and then were led by Moses to freedom from oppression. In every generation there has been the quest for freedom.

Fifty years ago, in April 1943, Jews fought the Nazis in the Warsaw Ghetto in a heroic show of resistance to annihilation. We remember this uprising as we commemorate Holocaust martyrs and heroes on Yom HaShoah.

Forty-five years ago, the modern State of Israel was created as the Jewish homeland. Israelis have had to fight their Arab neighbors many times for the right to exist and be free. Jews seeking freedom from oppression in the former Soviet Union and Ethiopia have been arriving in Israel by the tens of thousands in the past few years, in a modern-day Exodus.

The Haggadah is still relevant after more than 3,000 years. We wish you a happy, peaceful Pesach!

In response to Bruce Schlosberg's "Wish List" in the March section of the Blumenthal Jewish Home News, the Carolinas Association of Jewish Women and Men responded immediately by purchasing 2 color televisions and a VCR for the Activity Rooms of the skilled nursing wings. Thanks to the Association and its members for their continuing support of the Blumenthal Jewish Home!

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The Child Who Does Not Know How to Ask

by Alfred H. Moses

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Haggadah is Hebrew for telling or narration. It is also the small book used by Jews for two millennia to observe the Passover Seder. The essence of this historic narrative is the retelling of the story of slavery and liberation of the Israelites from ancient Egypt. At the Seder meal, families gather around the Seder table, laden with the symbolic foods of the festival, generations join to relive the bitterness of slavery and the sweetness and joy of freedom. The ties that bind individuals into a family, families into a community, and communities into a people are renewed and fortified during this evening of shared memory, celebration, prayer and song.

The Seder is a sacred drama in which the participants are commanded to "view themselves as if they **personally** had gone out of Egypt." At the Seder table, we experience the Exodus **fully**, with all of our senses. We learn and relearn the lessons of Passover—that our people, having drunk a full cup of suffering and oppression in Egypt, may not oppress others; that having known the alienation and insecurity of the stranger (the one who does not belong), we must not turn a blind eye to discriminate against the stranger and alien; that having experienced injustice, we should put our best effort into building a just and compassionate society.

At one point, we come to the lesson of the four children—one wise, one wicked, one simple, and one who does not know enough to ask a question. We are told that each child should be responded to differently, according to his or her particular abilities and needs.

The wise child wants to know the meaning of all the traditions and cus-

toms of the festival. This child identifies with the community, its history and destiny. There are many such young people among us today.

The wicked child asks, "what is this **to you?**" This question reveals alienation from Jewish life and a rejection of both its joys and burdens. Rather than turn away, we must try to understand the alienation and tell about the beauty of Jewish life that he is missing.

The innocent or simple child is satisfied with a marginal level of Jewish awareness and involvement and will not make the extra effort to understand the significance of Jewish existence or to make it a meaningful part of life.

The fourth child, the one who does not know how to ask, presents the greatest challenge today. Removed from the Jewish community and Jewish tradition, this young person does not know enough to ask a question. We must reach out to this young person and begin the dialogue, as the Haggadah says, "**you** begin for him, as it is written in Scripture, 'You shall tell your child on that day, saying: This is because of what God did for me when I went forth from Egypt.' " We need to welcome this young person into the Jewish community and share the joy and meaning in our way of life. The Seder is our opportunity to begin to reach out to those who are distant—make them feel **at home** and to help them to feel that they belong in the Jewish family and community.

One of the most frequently voiced concerns of Jews today is, "will my grandchildren be Jews?" We must do everything in our power to insure a positive answer. We can do that by strengthening Jewish life in whatever way we can. We must strengthen **all** of our institutions—religious, communal, philanthropic, educational. They are all important in building a strong and secure Jewish community.

The Passover Seder is a wonderful opportunity to begin the dialogue with our young people and together to begin to explore the meaning of being a Jew today. But it is only a beginning. Jewish life is lived 365 days of the year. We can, using the

Seder as a spring board, continue the discussion, transforming it into an ongoing process of teaching and learning, of doing and acting. To be a Jew today means to be involved in the destiny of our people—in Israel, in Eastern Europe, in Ethiopia, and here in our local communities. There is much to be done to strengthen Jewish life, to improve our relations with our non-Jewish fellow citizens, and to enhance the creative vitality of the Jewish people. To accomplish this task, we will need the energies and talents of everyone—the wise, the alienated, the marginal, and those who do not know how to ask.

At the conclusion of the Seder, we eat a final piece of Matzah, the Afikoman, which we earlier broke off the Seder Matzah. It reminds us that though some Jews have broken away from our community, we can find them and bring them back, and that what has been separated from us is not really lost, as long as our children search for it and return.



A Passover Haggadah

As Commented upon by Elie Wiesel
and Illustrated by Mark Podwal
Touchstone Books/Simon &
Schuster 144 pp. \$14 softcover; \$30
hardcover

"To be Jewish," Elie Wiesel writes, "is to assume the burden of the past, to include it in our concerns for the present and for the future." For millions of Jews around the world, the tradition of remembering the past is epitomized each year at the Seder table with the reading of the Haggadah, the story of the Exodus of the Children of Israel from Egypt thirty-five centuries ago. Now, in *A Passover Haggadah*, Wiesel presents a lucid, poetic translation of this ancient narrative, preserving the eloquence of the accompanying Hebrew text and enhancing its meaning with stories, personal memories, and thought-provoking interpretations. Dozens of

intricate and appealing line drawings by Mark Podwal add a further dimension, at once reflecting and extending the Haggadah's rich imagery.

In the entertaining and informative style that characterizes all his writings, Wiesel guides readers through the Passover ceremony, from the sanctification of the wine marking the beginning of the festivities to the sharing of the food on the Seder plate, to the songs that bring the evening to a close. Drawing on the Talmud, the Kabbalah, and the writings of sages and mystical scholars through the ages, he elucidates the historical origin and symbolic significance of every part of the ritual, revealing the essence of the celebration: "Each song, each gesture, each cup of wine, each prayer, each silence is part of the evening's spell. The goal is to arouse our curiosity by opening the doors of memory."

Integrating his own experience—a reminiscence of a Seder conducted in whispers in his Nazi-occupied hometown, a moving poem about Passover in a concentration camp, thoughts on Israel and the Mideast today—and references to our common history from Biblical times to the present, Wiesel illuminates the contemporary relevance of the ceremony. The wise son, the wicked son, the simple son, and the ignorant son are seen as embodiments of attitudes towards life; the dripping of wine during the recitation of the plagues, a reminder of the need for compassion even for our enemies; and the beautiful prayer, *Dayenu*, a reaffirmation of the human capacity for gratitude. Just as the Four Questions invite the youngest celebrants to remember the sufferings of the past and to understand and revel in the miracle of liberation, Wiesel invites readers to discover in the words of the Haggadah reminders of current plagues, hatreds and oppression—and to recognize and rejoice in the possibility of redemption.

Elie Wiesel received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1986. He is Andrew Mellon Professor in the Humanities at Boston University and the author of more than thirty books. He lives in New York City.

Tradition in the Kitchen

After the Seder Meals

by Estelle Hoffman

This year, I have vowed to have no leftovers from our Seder meals, so that we can enjoy some of the many interesting dishes offered in Passover recipe books, besides those clipped from journals over the years. Here are some of them.

In Joan Nathan's *Jewish Holiday Kitchen* there is this recipe my grandmother used to make, which it seemed nobody on earth except me remembered:

Beet Eingemachts (Beet Preserves)

3/4 cup water
2 cups sugar
2 lbs. beets
2 medium lemons
1 Tbsp. ground ginger
1 cup sliced blanched almonds

Pour water over sugar. Mix well in large enamel saucepan. Bring to a boil slowly and let simmer, uncovered, while you prepare beets. Peel and cut beets in half, then into thin strips. Cut the unpeeled lemons in half and then into thin strips (or use grating blade of food processor). Add beet and lemon strips to sugar mixture. Cover and let simmer slowly about 1-1/2 hours, stirring occasionally. Do not let stick. Uncover and add ginger. Simmer another 1/2 hour, or until when tested with spoon it is thick enough. Turn off heat, and let cool overnight. Next day, toast almonds and fold into cold preserves. Seal (Do not overcook, or it will become leathery).

Passover Derma (Mock Kishke)

From *Celebration*, The Epstein School, Atlanta, Ga.

1/2 cup carrots
1/2 cup celery
3 cups egg matzah, crushed
1 cup margarine, melted
1/4 tsp. pepper
1/4 tsp. ginger (optional)
1 large onion
2 cloves garlic, crushed
2 eggs, beaten
1 tsp. salt
1/4 tsp. poultry seasoning

Finely chop vegetables. Combine all ingredients and mix well. Shape into 16" roll on sheet of aluminum foil. Fold foil loosely and fold up short ends. Bake 45 minutes at 350°. Unwrap and slice while hot.

Festive Glazed Chopped Liver

From *The Passover Gourmet*, Nira Roussio

6 medium onions
2 lbs. chicken livers
1 cup dry sherry
4 Tbsps. margarine
Salt and pepper to taste
5 hard boiled eggs
1 packet unflavored gelatine

In medium saucepan, heat sherry, add livers and braise for 15 minutes, stirring frequently. Chop onions and fry in margarine in a skillet till golden brown. Add livers and saute 5 minutes. Season to taste. For best consistency, grind mixture with eggs in meat grinder.

Soften gelatine in 1/2 cup water and add to liver mixture. Line bottom of a loaf pan with colorful vegetables and slices of egg. Pour liver mixture carefully over egg and vegetable slices and refrigerate 12 hours. Glaze will settle at bottom. Before serving, line a tray with lettuce leaves and slices of pickled cucumbers. Wrap pan in warm towel, insert a pointed knife around edges of pan and invert over tray. Garnish with slices of red and green peppers, black olives, hard boiled eggs.

It is always nice to have chicken soup remaining from the Seder. If you are fortunate to be able to serve it again, Tiny Turkey Knaidlach are an interesting variation from the standard Matzah Balls.

Tiny Turkey Knaidlach

8 oz. ground turkey
1/4 cup parsley sprigs, chopped
1 egg
1/2 cup matzah meal
1/2 tsp. salt
1/2 tsp. ground nutmeg
1/8 tsp. pepper

In bowl, combine turkey, parsley, egg, matzah meal, salt, nutmeg and pepper. Chill at least 2 hours (or overnight). Roll into small balls, 1-inch diameter. Drop gently into pot of boiling water and cook for 5 to 7 minutes until cooked in center. Makes 22 to 24. May be made ahead. Reheat by pouring 1/2 cup water around, cover with plastic wrap and heat in microwave at high for 1-1/2 to 2 minutes.

To serve: Place 2 to 3 in each soup bowl and ladle soup over.

From *Jewish Observer*, Syracuse, N.Y.

Key West Chicken Breasts

4 boneless chicken breast cutlets
Juice of 1/2 fresh lime
2 Tbsps. grated fresh ginger root
1/2 cup sherry or white wine
2 Tbsps. cottonseed oil
1 large onion, sliced
1/2 cup sliced mushrooms
1/2 cup chicken broth

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Yom HaShoah 5753

April 18, 1993

1993 Days of Remembrance Commemoration

The 1993 Days of Remembrance of the Victims of the Holocaust will be observed from Sunday, April 18 through Sunday, April 25. These days are set aside annually by the U.S. Congress and the State of North Carolina to remember the victims of the Holocaust and to remind the people of N.C. that nations are capable of incomprehensible evil when bigotry, hatred and indifference to human rights dominate national policy.

This year, the observance coincides with the fiftieth anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising, a story of great human courage in the face of overwhelming military advantage. Valiant Jewish men and women gave new meaning to heroism and self-sacrifice. As the walls crumbled around them, food, water and ammunition ran out. Flames turned the ghetto into an inferno and the world looked on, mutely.

The State of North Carolina Council on the Holocaust will sponsor a Holocaust Memorial Service on Sunday, April 25 at 4 p.m. at the North Raleigh Hilton Convention Center. The guest speaker will be Dr. Alice Eckardt, internationally known author, professor, lecturer, one of the country's leading Jewish and Christian studies scholars. She served as a special consultant to the President's Commission on the Holocaust and as special advisor to the chairman of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council in Washington, D.C.

The North Carolina Council on the Holocaust was created by executive order of Governor James Hunt in 1981, renewed by executive order of Governor Jim Martin in 1985, and then re-established by statute that same year. The purpose of the Council is to prevent future atrocities similar to the genocide of six million Jews and others by the Nazis during World War II. Legislation creating the

Council directs the members to accomplish this goal by developing a program of education and commemoration.

The North Carolina Council on the Holocaust encourages the entire community to attend the Yom HaShoah Commemoration.

Yom HaShoah Program April 18 Greensboro, N.C.

Greensboro's Yom HaShoah commemoration and service will feature Marc Pollick, assistant director of the Center for Jewish Studies at Harvard University. He also is an Emmy Award-winning maker of documentaries on the Holocaust.

The Greensboro Jewish Federation, in conjunction with Beth David Synagogue, Temple Emanuel, B'nai Israel, Hadassah and the National Conference of Christians and Jews, will sponsor this year's remembrance.

At 3:00 p.m., Sunday, April 18 at Temple Emanuel, Jews and non-Jews, survivors and liberators will travel together with Marc Pollick and 20 students, their teachers and a Holocaust survivor to Auschwitz, Majdanek, Terezin and other concentration camps, to Prague, Warsaw, Vienna, Budapest, Amsterdam and the State of Israel through a unique multi-media presentation.

Pollick's presentation is comple-

mented by a series of slides and visuals that evoke an unusual sensitivity about the Holocaust and its aftermath. Experiences from the group's emotional pilgrimage to Eastern Europe and Israel are shared in a highly provocative and informative presentation.

Pollick holds Master's degrees in social science, Eastern European Jewish history and Holocaust studies. He pursued his doctoral studies under the direction of Professor Elie Wiesel. He has lectured throughout the United States and Israel and, in 1977, served as a lecturer at Yad Vashem in Jerusalem. He also has taught Holocaust courses at the high school and university levels.

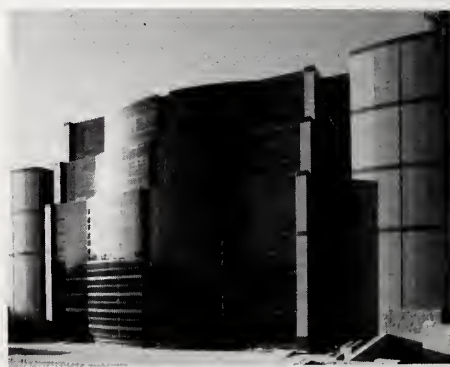
In 1982 he was appointed executive director of the Zachor Institute for Holocaust Studies in Miami. One year later, he created and hosted the highly successful television series, "We Remember."

He has twice travelled with groups to Holocaust sites in Eastern Europe and to Israel and, in 1983, led the first-ever group of children of Holocaust survivors on a "Journey of Conscience" to these destinations. This trip was filmed by PBS and was made into a television documentary, "Tomorrow Came Much Later," which was narrated by Edward Asner and won an Emmy for Best Documentary.

For more information, contact the Greensboro Jewish Federation at (919) 272-3189.



The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum's 14th Street, Washington, D.C., entrance, as it appeared in the final stage of construction. Dedication of Museum, April 22; open to public, April 26. For information, call (202) 488-0400. Photo by Alan Gilbert.



The Simon Wiesenthal Center's Beit Hashoah-Museum of Tolerance opened in Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 8, 1993. The museum was founded to challenge visitors to confront bigotry and racism, and to understand the Holocaust in both historic and contemporary contexts. Photo by Jim Mendenhall

Holocaust Remembrance Programs in Charlotte, N.C.

**Sunday, April 18, Noon
Holocaust Square**

The Interfaith Council of the National Conference of Christians and Jews will hold a Holocaust Commemoration on Sunday, April 18 at noon at Holocaust Square (corner of E. Morehead St. and Dilworth Rd.) in Charlotte, N.C.

Sarah Hayman, chairman of the Interfaith Council, announced that the entire community is welcome and people from downtown churches will be invited to attend the commemoration following their services. Holocaust information materials are to be included in church services that day.

Rabbi Scott White of Temple Israel will speak about the Holocaust and the 50th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising.

"Humanity has not learned its lesson; atrocities are still happening today," remarked Ms. Hayman. Therefore, the Council plans to have another speaker (to be announced) who will talk on current atrocities.

A City-County Proclamation on Holocaust Remembrance Day will be read. Memorial candles will be lit by survivors. A musical ensemble will perform.

Please check in *The Charlotte Observer* the week before April 18 for further details on the program and exact time.

**Sunday, April 18, 7 p.m.
Shalom Park**

"Reflections from the Second Generation" is the program being sponsored by the Jewish Community Center and the Charlotte Holocaust Committee on Sunday, April 18 from 7-9 p.m. at Gorelick Hall, Shalom Park, 5007 Providence Rd., Charlotte, N.C.

Children and grandchildren of survivors will be doing the commemorative candle-lighting ceremony.

Jackie Fishman, daughter of survivor Dr. Susan Cernyak-Spatz, will be the featured speaker. Ms. Fishman

will interrelate her feelings about a recent tour of concentration camps that she went on with her mother; what it's like to grow up as a child of a survivor; her involvement with a national program for educators called "Facing History and Ourselves" which uses the Nazi era and Holocaust as a springboard for discussions of historical and ethical issues.

A Holocaust Exhibit will be hanging in the Speizman Art Gallery adjacent to Gorelick Hall.

The program and exhibit are open to the public at no charge. For further details, call the JCC, (704) 366-5007.



"The Sculpture of Love and Anguish" at the Holocaust Memorial, Miami Beach, Fla. Sculptor Kenneth Triester wrote, "This is my portrayal of the Holocaust. . . a scene from hell. . . frozen in a patined bronze. A giant outstretched arm, tattooed with a number from Auschwitz, rises from the earth, the last reach of a dying person. . ." Photos by Alan S. Goldberg



Detail from "The Sculpture of Love and Anguish" by Kenneth Triester.

Raul Hilberg to Speak April 9-10 at Temple Israel Charlotte, N.C.

by Lorrie Klemons

Holocaust expert, Dr. Raul Hilberg, will speak about the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising on Friday, April 9 during services at 8 p.m., and will deliver a major address on Saturday, April 10 at 8 p.m. in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the uprising. The public is invited to attend these events at Temple Israel at no charge.

It is both fitting and appropriate that Dr. Hilberg be here during the holiday of Passover because it was during Pesach, 50 years ago, that a small group of Polish Jews attempted to fight back against their oppressors whose goal was the deliberate and horrific annihilation of European Jews.

Raul Hilberg was interviewed in the movie "Shoah" and is the author of *The Destruction of the European Jews* and *Perpetrators Victims Bystanders*. He is a member of the President's Commission on the Holocaust, as well as a member of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council. Dr. Hilberg served in the U.S. Army (1944-46), received his Ph.D. in public law and government from Columbia University (1955), taught and lectured through the years, and now serves as professor emeritus of political science at the University of Vermont.

During this upcoming holiday of "giving thanks" for our *exodus* from Egypt, let us not forget our brethren who did not make *exodus* from Europe prior to World War II, but who perished at the hands of their oppressors.

Join us at Temple Israel on April 10 to hear Raul Hilberg's interpretation of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising and to learn what it was about this small band of Warsaw Jews' heroic, yet suicidal mission of resistance, which contributed so much to our dignity during that catastrophic period of history.

This program is sponsored by the Temple Israel Adult Education Committee through the generosity of Temple Israel member, Steve Hyser.

For further information, please call Temple Israel, (704) 362-2796.

Perpetrators Victims Bystanders: The Jewish Catastrophe 1933-1945

by Raul Hilberg

Harper Collins Publishers 340 pp.

\$25

Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

Yes, this is another book about the Holocaust. This one excels, because Raul Hilberg is reputed to be the most widely respected historian of the Holocaust, having written previously a three-volume work entitled *The Destruction of the European Jews*. Furthermore, in *Perpetrators Victims Bystanders* he paints faces of individuals on the canvas that is the

backdrop of the stage of Nazi dominated Europe.

From the author's years of intensive research, specific cases were selected, drawing the reader into the reality of those years.

Besides illustrations of the actions of the three categories "Perpetrators," "Victims" and "Bystanders," into which the book is divided, characteristics of the nations involved are depicted, explaining, in part, the reactions to the German onslaught. There are reminders, also, of Jews and Jewish organizations and their attempts to make leaders in Britain and especially America aware of what was happening.

One cannot be totally disdainful of the claim that their reports were not fully believed. If it were possible to be objective, one would have to say the reportage had to be incredible.

In retrospect, it is not difficult to understand the victims and their sufferings. There was variety amongst the bystanders, but their situations, too, can evoke some understanding, even sympathy. Some were doing their jobs, following orders; others pretended not to know and not to wonder. In Europe during those years, there must have been enormous fear and tension. Each person was vulnerable; none secure. Which of us would have been courageous? Even those initially reluctant found it expedient to remain silent, if not to join in the activities.

What is harder to understand is the group Raul Hilberg calls the "Perpetrators." Probably the entire plan of the final solution of the Jewish problem would never have been invented, much less carried out, without its chief architect, Adolf Hitler. But who of us can understand his appeal to an entire nation of largely educated, cultured people? We laughed at the first newsreels of him in his ranting speeches to German masses. Not for long.

The fear we felt at our great distance, as weekly movie news and daily newspaper and radio broadcasts increasingly struck terror here, was that the Axis powers were going to win.



Detail from "The Sculpture of Love and Anguish" by Kenneth Triester.

Besides additional information to be gathered from specific instances of governments' roles and the plight of their citizens, motives are examined in this honest, careful work. Why did the American president, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, strongly supported by the Jewish electorate, not respond to calls to help European Jewry?

That question had been asked repeatedly in the years since the end of World War II. Various answers have been suggested: unemployment in America was high as the Great Depression drew to its end, and immigrants were competition to Americans in need of jobs. Anti-Semitism was a popular attitude, not government sponsored, but not being diligently monitored, as it is now. Jews were not openly Jewish in those days, and had not achieved entry into the many fields in which they are prominent today.

Perhaps one thought the author expresses is closest to the truth. It would "just not do" to permit the idea to arise that the war was fought to save Jews. Be that as it may, it is good that this thought-provoking book has been written and published. I understand that it is selling remarkably well in Europe, and that has to be good.

We hope that Raul Hilberg finds great reward in his retirement from his political science professorship at the University of Vermont. He will speak at Temple Israel in Charlotte on April 9 and 10.

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Warsaw—April '43 The Ghetto in Flames

by Vladka Meed

(Excerpted from her book *On Both Sides of the Wall*)

Preparations by the Fighting Organization and its representatives on the Aryan side were going on at full speed. No one knew when the ultimate "action" would take place; it was assumed that the Germans would wait until the end of April, perhaps until May, but who could be sure? The Jewish fighters were ready for action at a moment's notice.

Sporadic gunfire erupted in the ghetto on the morning of April 19, 1943, the eve of Passover. . . The bursts were deafening. Powerful detonations made the earth tremble. The ghetto was surrounded by soldiers. Special S.S. detachments, in full battle array, stood opposite the ghetto wall. Machine-gun muzzles protruded from balconies, windows and roofs on the adjacent Aryan homes. German scouts reconnoitered through holes drilled through the bricks of the ghetto wall. The streets alongside were blocked off, patrolled by German police on motorcycles.

The battle had begun.

Spontaneously, almost all of the Bund activists gathered in the apartment of Sassonowicz, a member of the Central Committee. Our assignments were to obtain arms, break through the German lines and cooperate with the Fighting Organization in the ghetto. . .

Things in the ghetto were relatively quiet that morning, but by noon sporadic fire had resumed on both sides of the wall. The artillery that the Germans had wheeled in along Krasinski, Bonifraterska and Muranowska Streets kept up a steady barrage. From out of the sky, German Stukas, their swastikas glinting in the sun, dove and circled the ghetto. Muranowska Street was ablaze with thick black smoke billowing from its northern section. Every few minutes the ground would shake from some explosion or detonation; with every artillery volley, windowpanes would shatter and houses crash down.

The Jewish Resistance Begins

I looked at Swientojerska Street. Machine guns were trained on the remains of the brush factory. Evidently, the Germans were encountering strong resistance there; the air was filled with gunfire. I could see the familiar buildings, now ruins—the collapsed floors, the huge gaping holes, the pillars of rising dust. Where were the hundreds of Jews who had lived there?

Suddenly there was a deafening explosion, louder than anything we had yet heard in the ghetto. Tanks rolled along Nalewki Road, heading for the ghetto wall. Thousands of Poles had gathered in the streets near the wall to watch the struggle. . . They had never expected the "wretched Jews" to put up such a fight, nor to see the almost unbroken stream of ambulances carrying dead and injured Germans to their field hospitals. . .

Abrasha Blum called from the ghetto. "Active resistance has erupted," he said. "All the groups of the Fighting Organization are participating in the struggle in a disciplined fashion. We are now engaged in a battle near the brush factory. For the time being there are only a few casualties among our combatants. There are many more casualties among the Germans. "A second telephone call came on the night of April 22. "We had a tragedy today—Michael Klepfisz died fighting. We are short of ammunition. We need arms."

The conversation was interrupted: telephone central office broke in. It was the last phone from Abrasha Blum. . .

We were alone, totally alone, cut off from the ghetto, aliens on the Aryan side. Even now, while amazed and pleased by the deadly struggle going on inside the ghetto, Aryan Warsaw hardly lifted a finger to help. The ghetto itself was isolated; we on the Aryan side were helpless. We tried to persuade some Polish police and firemen to help us get into the ghetto, but our efforts proved useless. Extra guards had been posted around the ghetto; it had become all but impenetrable.



Vladka Meed

On the sixth day, the gunfire subsided; the Germans withdrew their heavy artillery and mounted machine guns instead. Stukas continued their deadly rain of incendiary bombs. Our ears were constantly assailed by the muffled detonations of bombs and grenades in the ghetto. Dense clouds of smoke flecked with red flames rose from all over the ghetto spiraling skyward, obscuring the buildings—a ghetto in flames.

That day I succeeded in getting past a German outpost on the corner of Nalewki and Dluga. After grilling me thoroughly, the sentry let me pass, supposedly to see my mother at Swientojerska 21, the house of the Dubiels. Perhaps they, situated right opposite the ghetto, might have some news. . .

I peered through the window from behind a closet. Swientojerska and Wolowa Streets were deserted, glowing dim red from the fires raging in the distance, outlined by the billowing black clouds of smoke that hung over the ghetto. Two groups of German machine-gunners hunched behind a fence at the corner of the two streets. Germans and Ukrainians in full battle array were stationed every 15 feet along the wall. At intervals, Germans armed with machine guns darted past on motorcycles amid occasional bursts of gunfire. . .

Several squads of Germans were now moving among the houses on Wolowa Street, sprinkling some liquid out of cans onto the houses and then retreating. The process was repeated several times. "They're trying

to set the houses on fire," old Dubiel remarked. "Yesterday they tried the same thing, but it didn't work." The Germans threw burning rags on the houses and hastily withdrew. The building caught fire amid a rain of heavy gunfire. Grenades exploded nearby. Everything shook. The gunfire continued; the flames spread everywhere. . .

Dawn came quiet and ghastly to the ghetto, revealing the burnt shells of the buildings, the charred blood-stained bodies of the victims. Suddenly one of those bodies began to move, slowly painfully crawling on its belly until it disappeared into the smoking ruins. Others began to show signs of life. The enemy was on the alert, a spray of machine-gun fire—and all was lifeless again. . .

The Ghetto Fights On

Several days later I revisited the Dubiels. The fires in the ghetto had died down, but the scarred shells and corpses along Swientojerska remained. At the ghetto wall stood a bearded, caftaned Hassid and his small son. The guards separated the two, but the boy ran back and clung fiercely to the father. A German raised his carbine, then smiling, separated the two once more. Again the child darted back, and the German burst into laughter. The father embraced his child in sheer despair. Several shots rang out—and the two remained together, even in death.

The ghetto fought on. On the fifth day of the uprising the Coordinating Committee on the Aryan side issued an appeal in the name of the struggling ghetto. . . stressing the heroism of the combatants and the ferocity of the fight. Every home was a fortress against the Germans. The insurgents sent their fervent salutations to all those fighting the Nazis. "We will avenge the crimes of Dachau, Treblinka and Auschwitz," proclaimed the appeal. "The struggle for your freedom and ours continues. . ."

Three days later I happened on a large, impassive Polish crowd gathered opposite Muranowska Street, pointing at a roof across the street. "A group of Jews broke out of the ghetto and hid in the loft of a Pol-



"The Beginning" at the Holocaust Memorial, Miami Beach, Fla. The first sculpture is of a mother and two nestling children fearful as the signs of the Holocaust appear. Their faces ask, "Can it happen?" . . . "Will G-d forsake us?" The sculpture is framed by Anne Frank's message, "Then in spite of everything I still believe that people are really good at heart."

ish house," one of the spectators remarked. "But the Germans found them and attacked the place. The Jews returned fire and tried to escape over neighboring roofs. Shortly afterwards a tank drove through, firing broadsides. Now you can see a rare show." Lifeless hands and feet were strung like a garland along the roof.

It had now been two nightmarish weeks that the ghetto had been burning. Some areas had been reduced to smoldering ruins; the gunfire had diminished, but not stopped. Each morning the Germans marched into the ghetto and each dusk they withdrew; they worked only in broad daylight. The Stukas still circled and dove overhead, raining incendiary bombs on the ghetto without letup; the explosions were audible throughout the city. At night, though, quiet reigned. Poison gas was released into the water mains and sewers to kill any

Jews who might be hiding there. Gentile homes facing the ghetto along Leszno, Przejazd and Swientojerska were burned to the ground by the Germans, Dubiel's home among the others.

Why Is the World Silent?

But the ghetto could not be controlled. Neither tanks nor artillery nor the Stukas could break the spirit of the ghetto. Jewish resistance held its own. The Germans had only succeeded in penetrating a few outside districts of the ghetto, and had contented themselves with setting the Jewish homes afire.

The admiration and excitement of the Poles over the Jewish uprising subsided, only to be replaced by a gnawing apprehension. "What's next now?" they wondered. "Will the Germans turn on us too?"

How had the Jews of the ghetto, my friends, people I had lived and worked with. . . how had they dared, with their pitiful assortment of arms and explosive-filled bottles, to challenge the modern, sophisticated weapons of the enemy? We living on the Aryan side were conscious not only of our admiration for our comrades in arms but, more important, of a sense of guilt at being outside the ghetto at so crucial a time. We should have been inside, in the thick of the fight, amid the roaring fires and crashing walls, dead among the ruins of the ghetto.

We stared into the flame-red sky over Warsaw. Why was there no response from the rest of the city? Where was the help our neighbors had promised? And the rest of the world, why was it keeping so silent?

As a Polish Jewish teenager, Vladka Meed was a courier for the underground movement, smuggling weapons across the wall during the Warsaw Ghetto uprising. On Both Sides of the Wall, from which this is excerpted, is the story of her experiences. For the past nine years, Mrs. Meed has served as the coordinator of a program on teaching the Holocaust and Jewish resistance sponsored by the American Gathering/Federation of Jewish Holocaust Survivors and other Jewish organizations.

Yom Ha'Atzmaut State of Israel's 45th Independence Day April 26, 1993

Israel Independence Day Program, April 25 Charlotte, N.C.

Israel Independence Day-Yom Ha'Atzmaut Celebration will be held at the Charlotte Jewish Community Center on Sunday, April 25. Further details will be announced or call JCC, (704) 366-5007.

Israel Independence Day Program, May 2 Greensboro, N.C.

In honor of Israel's 45th Anniversary of Independence, the Greensboro Jewish Federation is bringing the singing group Gevatron to Greensboro on Sunday, May 2. They will appear in concert at Beth David Synagogue from 2-4 p.m.

The 18 singers of the Gevatron, all of whom are sons and daughters of Kibbutz Geva, have been performing together almost since the founding of the State of Israel. Their songs are steeped in Hassidic and Jewish tradition, Russian and Ukrainian melodies merged with new, original Israeli songs.

The story of the Gevatron dates back to the early twenties, when Kibbutz Geva was erected among the swamps, wilderness and howling jackals of the Jezre'el Valley.



Gevatron, the Israeli singing group, will perform in Greensboro, May 2.

Ticket prices are \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children. To purchase tickets, send your check made payable to the Greensboro Jewish Federation. Please specify the number of adults' and children's tickets. Mail your requests to 713-A North Greene Street, Greensboro, N.C. 27401.

For more information, call Karen Schlosberg, program director at (919) 272-3189.

Land of Milk and Honey by Muriel Moulton

Oh Israel
Land of milk and honey
And sharp elbows
Despised among the nations of
the world.

Is survival
—so far—
Something to brag about?

Shredded flesh
And barbed wire are past
—for now.

David's Star
unfurled in the Land
grows dim behind the
Out-stretched hand
The Schnorr. The 'Gimme More,'
The 'I've got a right
because I suffered in
The War.' And
'My scars are more
horrible than yours.'

Oh Israel
Land of milk and honey
How good and how pleasant it is
To sit with our brothers
Together
Speaking the tongue
of our Fathers
Inventing the Promise
Again.

Muriel Moulton is originally from Chicago and now lives in Haifa. She has published in academic journals as a teacher and in news magazines as a journalist. Her poetry has appeared in VOICES ISRAEL 1991 and was selected Runner-up #1 in the Reuben Rose International Poetry Competition, 1991.

Maccabiah Golf Tournament Charlotte, N.C., May 10

Sam Strause and Harry Swimmer are co-chairmen of the Fifth Annual Charlotte Maccabiah Golf Tournament on May 10 at Raintree Country Club to benefit the United States Maccabiah Team.

This year, the annual U.S. Committee Sports for Israel (USCSFI) Golf Outing will also include a Tennis Outing and a Banquet. Featured participants will be the Charlotte members of the 14th Maccabiah Team. These include: Stacy Schefflin who earned a spot on the tennis team in competition throughout the United States; Arthur Lavitt who "shot the lights out" in the golf finals in Florida to earn a spot on the Maccabiah golf team; Ilana Kavadlo who has earned a spot

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on the junior swim team as a result of her excellent competitive swimming throughout the year. Reid Lerner has been accepted for the junior tennis team. The 14th World Maccabiah Games will be held in Israel, July 5-15, 1993.

Highlights of the dinner program include presentations by Bob Spivak of Philadelphia, president of U.S. Committee Sports for Israel; Mel Miller of Philadelphia, national golf chairman; and Larry Ziegler, professional golfer from Orlando, Fla.

The committee for the Golf Tournament includes: Dave Citron, Jerry Fisher, Robert Gleiberman, Julius Goldstein, Mort Lerner, Daniel Levine, Nat Roberts, Leonard Slesinger, Larry Ziegler, Arlene Strause, Kirstin Swimmer and Linda Sloan.

The U.S. Committee Sports for Israel, Inc., was founded in 1948 to promote physical education and sports programs in Israel and to help develop the total fitness of Israeli and American Jewish Youth.

The Committee is involved in various programs in the U.S. and Israel, including sponsoring the American team to the World Maccabiah Games in Israel every four years. Four years ago, the Games were a huge success, as over 4,000 Jewish athletes from 43 different countries (including the first-ever Soviet delegation) participated in the Bar Mitzvah Games. In previous Maccabiahs, such well-known athletes as swimmer Mark Spitz, tennis star Brad Gilbert and golfer Bruce Fleisher have participated.

Since its inception, USCSFI has done much to promote and expand sports programs and facilities in Israel. These projects include the Israel Sport Center for the Disabled, Wingate Institute for Physical Education and Sport, and the International Jewish Sports Hall of Fame.

Joint Israel-U.S. Agricultural Pioneering

by Sharon Kanon

(WZPS) Firm, fresh, Golden Delicious apples, crispy lettuce, fresh lemons year round, sweet perfectly-

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Successful Relationship

Established to support agricultural research projects planned jointly by American and Israeli scientists working simultaneously in their own countries, BARD is one of the most impressive silent success stories in U.S.-Israel relations.

Joint U.S.-Israel agricultural research date back to 1909, when Aaron Aharonson, who discovered the wild ancestor of domestic wheat, established an extensive cooperation program between Jewish pioneers in the Land of Israel and the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The first study recommended "plants worthy of introduction in the U.S." Since then informal research has blossomed into hundreds of joint research projects.

"Israel took the initiative in establishing BARD in 1977," says Professor Yoash Vaadia, BARD executive director. "And the U.S. government contributed half of BARD's \$110 million endowment, originally budgeting it as a foreign aid appropriation."

"The U.S. and Israeli agricultural research communities," he continued, "both have a well-deserved reputation for excellence. Working together through the BARD program, they are stretching limited resources to produce remarkable results that neither could achieve as effectively alone."

Interest from the endowment pays for the research grants, some 40 of which are approved each year based on recommendations of a binational Technical Advisory Committee (TAC). To date, 2,757 research proposals have been received and 611 approved, at an investment of \$113 million. Royalties accrued to the various institutions from the sale of resulting patents are used to support further R&D activities.

And the non-profit fund's financial

gains would make any profit-making organization even greener with envy. Says Professor Vaadia, "Economic studies conducted by independent economists five years ago concluded that BARD's completed projects provided benefits far exceeding all its funding to date."

U.S. Benefits More

Who benefits more from BARD, the U.S. or Israel? With a total agricultural output of over \$140 billion a year, compared to Israel's \$2 billion, the U.S. clearly reaps the best deal in dollars and cents. Savings on animal feeds or insecticides, for example, represents a much larger cash dividend for Uncle Sam than for little Israel. Spin-off benefits include conservation of limited resources, improved product quality, support for post and pre-doctoral research and a better environment.

But Israel, in addition to recouping its investment many times over and developing more competitive products, for the world market, is thriving on the scientific exchange with the U.S.

BARD supported research covers all aspects of agriculture—from soil and water sciences to animal protection and crop production. Israel's trickle-drip irrigation is one of the best ways to increase irrigation efficiency but over-salinity and soil permeability remains problems. BARD's development of a series of computer models, irrigation schedules and techniques helped save 68,000 acres of pecan trees planted in inhospitable soil in Arizona, New Mexico and Texas. It has also helped save several small farmers from bankruptcy.

Team Effort

Purifying brackish water, treated urban sewage and industrial waste water have also been taken up by binational teams. Using sun-activated dyes, BARD researchers in Tennessee and Israel have developed economical solar water disinfection plants that destroy water-borne bacteria and pesticides. This "clean" water, they claim, is eminently suitable for growing edible crops.

Roaming the Past with David Schulman



What does the word friend mean to you? The American Heritage Dictionary defines the word as a person whom one knows, likes and trusts. An acquaintance is defined as a person or persons whom one knows. From this, I would deduce the difference between the two words resides in whether you like or trust the person you know. Are your friends really acquaintances?

It may be that the sexual revolution of the sixties not only instituted the "disposable mate," it may have unconsciously paved the way for the "disposable friend"—a person we know and even share private thoughts with but only for a limited time until that friend has given us what we needed or until we change and think we don't need him anymore. Add the mobility of our society; many of us don't live in the same neighborhood or town for long periods of time, and the term alienation of affection takes on a new meaning. How have friendships changed over past decades, especially in Jewish communities both North and South?

I interview a lot of older people for this column. I love to see the spark in their eyes and the joy in their heartfelt words almost bouncing around the room when they tell me simple stories of incidents that occurred between friends. These stories connote a sweet universality that I fear we may miss in our current rush for success and happiness.

One recent change in the past few decades is that we now have professional friends. These are people we pay to listen to us, may it be a psychiatrist or a hairdresser. We employ professional massage therapists to touch us and ease our painful necks; even yardmen or check-out people at the grocery may be roped into hearing our latest gripes or pleasures. We seem to like "stand-in" friends instead of friends for life.

Leo Finkelstein is eighty-eight and the unofficial historian of the Asheville Jewish community. He has album after album of pictures and newspaper clippings going back to the early part of 1900. During World War II, Leo kept a precious daily journal, not so much for facts as feelings. In one entry he tells of being stationed in Miami Beach. . . "today I learned three new cuss words I never knew before." Leo tells of one particular poker game among friends at the home of Seigfred Sternberg. When the game was raided by Asheville Police, the host had to think quickly to avoid any public embarrassment. He looked the cop in the eye and gave the names of the participants as Mr. Aleph, Mr. Base, Mr. Vove, Mr. Gimmel, and followed the rest of the Hebrew alphabet. When the Asheville Citizen published the incident, it stated that a lawyer paid the fine for Mr. Aleph and Mr. Gimmel and the rest. The friends went back to playing poker with most of the non-Jewish community never knowing the "culprits."

I flipped through Leo's albums and saw hundreds of old photos, not of presidents and kings, but of groups of Jews having fun together. One photo was of a cabin, the sign said, "Potchentokus Manor." Leo tells of the many boarding houses where Jewish people came to visit, and how the locals arranged simple costume parties and social gatherings.

Ed Mottsmann of Charlotte wrote to tell me of the social happenings when he was young in Hendersonville. A social club, the Henoca, named for Hendersonville and Carolina, was in existence. The dues were ten cents a week. The group would go from one boarding house to another during the summer having picnics, maybe dancing, sharing watermelons and their lives. Many visitors would return each year telling of what had happened to them while these friends had been apart.

At a recent JCC discussion here in Asheville, the subject of changing forms of friendships came up. Some folks talked of the days of corner candy stores in New York, the unofficial Jewish community center. One man described how people received phone messages. Two pay phones were housed in this particular store and when "Mrs. Bloom" got a call, the owner would simply get one of the kids hanging around to tell her. The kid would go outside and yell up to



Costume Party at Asheville Boarding House in the early 1900s.

her. Between the cars, the kids played kick ball or played jacks in the giant hallway landings inside the apartments.

During this discussion, one lady blamed the advent of the washing machine and dryer for at least hindering friendships. Women used to converse daily with neighbors on the rooftops of apartments when they hung their clothes out to dry or when they shared clothes lines hung outside their windows on tall poles between the buildings. It was a natural way to meet and talk. Gradually, apartments got basement laundry rooms and then private washers and dryers; the conduit for *bobe mayses* had been cut.

One of my college professors always blamed the invention of the car for causing more alienation between humans than anything else. The car enabled us to carry on our lives in the privacy of an enclosed moving vehicle, taking us out of our neighborhood stores and relationships. Edward Hopper, famed artist, noted this same phenomena when in 1927 he bought a Dodge and toured America incorporating a new kind of isolation and alienation in his works.

Fred Pearlman tells me of how his father, Barney, came to Asheville by stagecoach on his way to meet and perhaps marry a Jewish girl in Alabama. Barney lingered in Asheville, marrying Hattie Michalove and never getting to Aláabama. Fred says when he was a child his parents would take him and his siblings on a Sunday ride to Weaverville on the cable cars; a ride today that takes about four minutes by car. I asked Fred what they did when they got to Weaverville. He said they turned around and came back. It was just the idea of getting together with other families for a Sunday ride. No agenda, no organized cause to fight for, just being with others for the joy of it.

I like the advertisement for cotton on television. One of the lines says cotton is the fabric of our lives. What is the real fabric of our lives today? Have we become more concerned about the world at large and less about our real friends? Many of my

acquaintances seem to be caught up in a new fad, being out of breath. The less you see of your wife or husband on a daily basis; the less time you have for grabbing an impromptu waffle at IHOP with a friend for no reason at all; the more points you score for being out of breath. Sometimes this cannot be avoided due to economic necessities, but other times I wonder if we don't fill up our schedules and our children's lives with back-to-back commitments so we don't have the time to be truly close to anyone. If you try to breathe normally, you are out of the game. What we have when we look back may be more exhaustion than fulfillment, more emptiness than accomplishment.

For my birthday recently, three of my closest friends showed up from Sylva, totally by surprise. We went out to eat a high-cholesterol steak and laughed until we had used up any tears on storage for depression. As we left the restaurant, I looked over my shoulder and thought I saw Mr. Aleph and Mr. Gimmel. They said to tell you to drop by for a game of penny ante and a seltzer. . .when you catch your breath, of course.

**DAVID SCHULMAN is interested
in hearing your stories.**

Please write or call him at the address below. He is particularly interested in simple anecdotes and stories about the Yiddish Theater, and the life of Jewish immigrants, particularly those that moved South. Please call (704) 254-9250 or write 3701 Timber Trail, Asheville, N.C. 28804.

TRADITION

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Mix lime juice, sherry or wine and one tablespoon grated ginger (fresh is much better than dried), and marinate cutlets for at least one hour.

Saute onions and mushrooms in one tablespoon oil until soft and golden. Remove. Add remaining oil, add drained chicken breasts and saute on both sides. Return mushrooms and onion to pan, add chicken broth, the additional one tablespoon of ginger, and lime if desired, and cook for about five to seven minutes or until done.

From *Heritage Florida Jewish News*.

**Kosher Southern-Style
Cookbook**

by Mildred L. Covert and
Sylvia P. Gerson
Pelican Publishing Co. 245 pp.
\$13.95

Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

Many cookbooks published recently have added features which make interesting reading pertinent to the backgrounds in which the recipes originated. None surpasses *Kosher Southern-Style Cookbook*.

The book is divided into eleven chapters for the states of the Confederacy, plus one for Shavuot and another for Succot. There is no explanation for the choice of those two holidays.

Each chapter begins with an interesting history of the state, about two pages which set the mood for the regional recipes that follow. A nice feature is the humor embodied in the names of the dishes and in the illustrations by Alan Gerson.

Recipes old and new have been converted to kosher cooking, attested to by a Foreword by Rabbi Gavriel Newman of Beth Israel Congregation in New Orleans.

The conscientious authors even included a Glossary with both Jewish and southern words explained. This is the third kosher cookbook written by Covert and Gerson, after *Kosher Cajun Cookbook* and *Kosher Creole Cookbook*.

You will be glad you bought this one:

A Gahntze Tzimmes

1-17 oz. can sweet potatoes
1-20 oz. can sweetened apple slices
1/2 cup raisins
1/4 cup chopped walnuts
1/3 cup honey
1/4 cup peanut oil
2 Tbsp. grated orange rind
1/2 tsp. salt
1/8 tsp. cinnamon
1/8 tsp. ginger

Place alternate layers of sweet potatoes, apple slices, raisins and chopped walnuts in a lightly oiled, 1-1/2 quart casserole. Combine the honey, peanut oil, orange rind, salt, cinnamon and ginger, then pour the mixture over the sweet potatoes. Bake, uncovered, at 350° for about 1 hour. Serves 6 to 8.

Kibbitzing—Community News

Temples

Temple Beth El Charlotte, N.C.

by Lynne Cojac

The Temple Beth El Passover Seder, organized by the Temple's Sisterhood, will be held in Silverman Social Hall on April 5. Reservations are mandatory. Please call (704) 366-1948.

A Passover Yizkor Service will be held on April 10 at 10:30 a.m.

The monthly Family Shabbat Service will be on April 16. Jared Spil, son of Adele and Gabriel Spil, will become a Bar Mitzvah the following morning, Saturday, April 17.

The new Baby Boomers' Social Club will hold its first event, a mixer, on Sunday, April 25 in Silverman Social Hall. This event, from 6:30-8:30 p.m., will cost \$4 per person and will include wine, finger foods, dessert and live music.

The Bat Mitzvah of Jennifer Wismuller will take place on April 24. Her proud parents are Ellen and Andrew Wismuller.

Eighth and ninth graders at the Consolidated High School of Jewish Studies of Charlotte will conduct the Shabbat service for Temple Israel and Temple Beth El on April 30 at Temple Beth El.

Temple Beth ha-Tephila Asheville, N.C.

by Marjorie Schachter

The Brotherhood

The Friday night Brotherhood Shabbat service on Feb. 7 featured Ken Keenan, the Jewish Chautauqua Society Chancellor and 1st vice president of the National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods. His topic was "New Roles and Missions of Brotherhood." He mentioned, among other

things, the importance of male bonding. He pursued the subject the following morning at the **Friendship Circle** meeting, when he spoke on the subject of "Jewish Men of the Nineties."

The Sisterhood

During the discussion of Letty Cottin Pogrebin's book *Deborah, Golda and Me* at the general meeting on Feb. 7, reactions to the book varied, predictably, with the extent to which the participants in the discussion were able to relate to the experiences and point of view of this outspoken feminist author.

On behalf of the Oneg Committee, Sylvia Meyer, chairperson, thanked Jeanne Vachon for her contribution of food for the Onegs, and Irene Braun for her contribution to the Chai Fund for Onegs.

The Religious School

The Third Annual—and third successful—Religious School Dinner-Theater on Feb. 20 featured a super dinner served by the Religious School parents, and the talented W. O. Grant Players in a performance of the play *Weekend Comedy*. The evening was marked by satisfied appetites, enthusiastic applause and ample fulfillment of the promise of a good time.

The Far-Ranging Rabbi

From the Temple Bulletin: "Rabbi Ratner officiated at the marriage of Judson Legon and Mary Beth Patterson; he also attended an America Israel Public Affairs Committee reception for Congressman Charles Taylor, spoke to Hadassah, and attended the Martin Luther King Prayer Breakfast and participated in a meeting of the Shalom School Curriculum Committee."

Outreach, Where the Mixed Marrieds Meet

At the Jan. 9 meeting at the home of David and Rosine Levitch, the group discussed ideas expressed during the congregation-wide "Meet the Rabbi" sessions. Betsy Katell extended a

special thank-you to the Levitches for "a fine dinner and a most enjoyable evening."

Lunch with the Rabbi

On Feb. 22, a group met for a brown-bag lunch and a discussion of current events, including the troubles in the Balkans and the conflicts in the Middle East, specifically the difficulties in dealing with the Arabs. The question was raised of whether and how U.S. policies can be adjusted to current world-wide conditions.

The Rabbi also talked about the beginning of the Talmud—the Mishnah—from the Baba Mezi'a, or Middle Gate, having to do with Jewish law concerning the responsibilities of the bailee or the person entrusted with the care of anything deposited with him.

Ask the Rabbi

Following services on Feb. 12, the Rabbi answered questions and led a discussion about the widespread resurgence of Fundamentalism.

Thanks!

The Congregation thanked Morris and Leah Karpen for their purchase of the book *What Happens When I Die?* and Richard and Irene Braun for their contribution to the Rabbi's Wish List Fund to buy the 5-volume set of *Jewish Prayer in America* as a memorial to Irene's mother Hannah Oppenheimer.

Part-Time Teaching Positions

Beth Shalom, a young, UAHC-affiliated congregation, is seeking applicants for positions as religious school teachers for the 1993-94 school year. Openings in several elementary and middle school grade levels. We are also looking for Hebrew school teachers, grades 4-8. Enthusiasm a must! Experience and ability to teach Hebrew would be a plus for religious school positions.

Beth Shalom is located in Cary, N.C. just outside of Raleigh—a short drive from any of the triangle college campuses.

For more information and an application for the positions, please contact Linda W. Tucker at (919) 467-0508 or Terri Nagel-Hamm at (919) 460-4621.

Morton S. Cohen Memorial at U.N.C.A.

From the Temple Bulletin: "The family and friends of the late Morton S. Cohen, former WLOS TV President and General Manager, and member of Congregation Beth ha-Tephila, have established a special fund in his memory to enhance the Mass Communications Department."

The New Library Fund

A fund has been established with a view toward creating a new members-only Jewish library in the Temple containing new books and videos for both adults and children, and incorporating books which have already been contributed.

Asheville Jewish Youth Group

A report in the Temple Bulletin notes that the group went on a weekend ski retreat to Sugar Mountain, and that Brett Schoenberg, one of the A.J.Y.G. members, attended the United Synagogue Youth International Convention.

Mazel Tov

Congratulations to the Legon family on the recent marriage of Judson Legon and Mary Beth Patterson, and to Dr. and Mrs. Billie Witten on the birth of their new grandchild, the daughter of Susann and Joe Mele of Cincinnati, Ohio.

Beth Israel Synagogue Asheville, N.C.

by Lillian R. Wellisch

Though April showers bring May flowers, we begin our April article with flowers: congratulations to David Freedman, son of Abe and Roz Freedman, and brother of Janet Freedman, who was honored at the annual dinner of the Defense Attorneys of Forsythe County, N.C., as the Outstanding Defense Attorney of the Year. Thank you to Noah Benninga for his donation of the book *Past Continuous* by Yaakov Shabtai to the Jacob Rosen Library. Also, thanks to Reba Barton, on her donation of *The Jewish Book of Why* and *The Second Jewish Book of Why*, both by Alfred J. Kolatch, to the library.

Congratulations to Avram and Jody Friedman on the birth of a daughter.

Congratulations to Jack and Arlene Doloboff on the birth of a grandson, Jonathan Ross, on December 7. His mother is Susan and they live in Atlanta. Congratulations to David Kronen, who has a 4.0 grade point average at Florida Atlantic University and was named to the prominent President's Roll.

We welcome our newest members: Leni Sitnick, Dr. Alan Baumgarten and Dr. Judy Hoffman and their children Nathan and Alexandra; Edward and Miriam Katz and their son Jacob; and our newest associate members, Arthur and Shelly Green and their sons Nathan and Seth.

The Mitzvah Committee thanks the wonderful people who were the volunteer cooks during the last few months at Hospitality House, a residence for the homeless: Sara Birnham, Michele Heller, Barbara Laibson, Richard Laibson and Sharyn McDonald.

A tribute to the Thursday morning Minyanaires: Rabbi Birnham, Dr. Rick Chess, Shikie Frankel, Ruth Gaynes, Larry Geiger, Joe Gullotta, Arthur Green, Ed Greene, Richard Harrison, Dr. Marty Lee, Sharyn McDonald, Dr. Joseph Schandler and David Schulman.

Somalia Lecture

Robert Gurevich Ph.D. enlightened Beth Israel about the realities of Somalia at services on Jan. 8. Dr. Gurevich is presently the director of the Center for Improving Mountain Living at Western Carolina University and lived in Somalia for a number of years. Dr. Gurevich was joined by Abdi Rashid Hussein, a Somali and a graduate student at UNC-A.

Dr. Gurevich has travelled extensively through Africa and has spent many years in the Far East. He speaks fluent Thai and Lao and some Indonesian and French. He worked as director of a social service agency for serving the needs of children in Indonesia and does work as an international consultant. Dr. Gurevich has taught anthropology at the State University of New York-Brockport and was head of the Asia Section for the Area Fellowship Program in New York under the auspices of the Ford Foundation. He has worked for the Agency

for International Development (AID) and is presently the Executive Secretary of the PVO University Consortium at WCU.

Dr. Gurevich attended the City College of New York (CCNY), received his Master's Degree from the East/West at the University of Hawaii and his Ph.D. from the University of Pittsburgh.

Youth Group

The Asheville Jewish Youth Group sent Robin Deutsch to the Montgomery, Ala. United Synagogue Convention, where she represented the AJYG and had a great time.

The group reports they will be participating in "Carload of Caring," where they will pack goodies to send to their sister city, Vladikavkaz, Russia.

This winter, the Asheville Jewish Youth Group went on a weekend ski retreat to Sugar Mountain. They met with Greenville and Charlotte groups, as well.

Brett Schoenberg, one of AJYG's members, went to the USY (United Synagogue Youth) International Convention and this is what he had to say about it: "From Dec. 23 through Dec. 31, the Asheville Youth Group sent me to the International Convention in Baltimore, Md. International consisted of a pre-convention where the Southeast region, Ha Negev, was hosted at people's houses in Olney, Md. On the fourth day, we travelled, as a region, to the Hyatt Hotel in Baltimore's beautiful Inner Harbor. Over 1,000 Jewish kids from all over the U.S., Canada and Israel were present. During four days of International, I toured Washington, D.C. and Baltimore, went to two dances, studied Judaism, and met lots of Jewish kids from all over. I can't begin to tell you how much fun I had at the convention!! Thank you!!

Bet Sefer News

The first ever Winter Intensive was started on Jan. 10. Students got to choose what to do: Heroes and Heroines of the Jewish People: Question? Did you know that sixty years ago, Jews were basketball stars like Michael Jordan? Or that Hannah Senesch parachuted out of an air-

plane to save her mother? They found out about other wise and courageous folks.

World of Difference: Question? Did you know that no two people's fingerprints are exactly the same? They found out how great difference is by making face masks, visiting other worlds, learning about themselves and others.

Travel to Israel: Question? Had they ever been to the walled city of Jerusalem or gone scuba diving in the sea? The discussion made them feel that they were almost there and thinking about their first trip.

Stories of the People: Question? Were any of the students actors in disguise? They learned about the righteous ones brought to life by the students themselves.

Todah Rabah to Elissa Brown, for another productive teacher workshop focusing on our Intensive sessions, to Geoff Brown for leading our Junior Congregation each month, to our Bet Sefer faculty for all their time and creative energy, and to all the parents who attended the Rabbi's discussion on Jan. 10 and for volunteering for the Intensive programs.

New books we would like to share with children and families: *Who Will Lead the Kiddush* by Barbara Pomerantz deals with the feelings of a young girl adjusting to the changes brought on by the divorce of her parents; *Buddy, Me, and Memories* by Barbara Pomerantz is a tender evocation of a child's memories of her grandmother in which the young reader is introduced to loss and the process by which it is converted into positive and deeply motivating memory.

Over forty parents joined together on Jan. 10 to talk about the children and their Jewish needs. It was very exciting to feel such love and interest. That was just the beginning of the conversation. Parallel Education for Parents is beginning at the same time Sunday School is held.

Adult Studies

As part of the Nosh and Drosh series, Lunch and Learning, meeting Wednesdays at noon, the Rabbi said: "Find out 'What is and How to Prepare

an Ethical Will.' You need *not* be dying or sick to do this! The most precious thing we leave behind when we die is not our property, it is our legacy of values and beliefs. Yet, when we think of a will, we usually think of a legal document to divide up one's property and provide financial security for one's heirs. But there is another kind of will that has long been used in Jewish history and its aim is to bequeath a spiritual legacy, a heritage of values. Those who work ethical wills—often parents writing to their children or grandparents to their grandchildren—try to sum up what they have learned in life and to express what they want most for and from their loved ones."

Other topics discussed in this Nosh and Drosh series were: "The After-life" and "Anger: What Does Judaism Say About it."

Included in the Rabbi's activities, recently Rabbi Birnham gave a book review of *The Yellow Wind* by David Grossman for the Asheville/Hendersonville Chapter of Hadassah. A very lively discussion ensued.

In Adult Education news, Chairman Caren Kessler reports a reading and discussion group was initiated on Feb. 10 at the home of Dr. Ron and Caroline Manheimer. The group read short stories on contemporary Jewish themes of recent decades. Many of these stories appear in *Writing Our Way Home* edited by Ted Solotaroff and Nessa Rapoport (Schocken Books, 1992).

Some Friday nights and Saturday mornings include special questions in a session called "Ask the Rabbi" and discussions on various pertinent

subjects; one Saturday morning this winter included a talk on "Judaism and Ecology."

The weekend of June 4-6 will be our first Shabbat Retreat. We will be staying at Camp Blue Star in Hendersonville and enjoying a variety of activities to more fully experience Shabbat. The weekend will offer a number of family-oriented events as well as separate adult and children activities.

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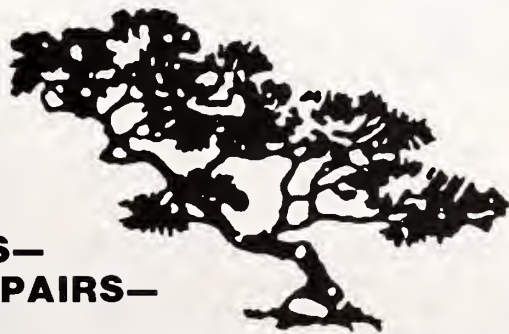
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Personals

Wildacres Board of Trustees

The Wildacres Board of Trustees met in Charlotte, N.C. on March 2, 1993.

Philip Blumenthal, president and director of Wildacres, presented a plaque to Estelle and Leo Hoffman in recognition and appreciation of 12 years of dedicated volunteer service to Wildacres, 1981-1992.



Estelle and Leo Hoffman (standing); Anita and Herman Blumenthal, trustees (seated) at Wildacres Board of Trustees meeting.

Krapin-Appelbaum Engaged



Lee Krapin & Pam Appelbaum

Pam Appelbaum and Dr. Lee Krapin announce their engagement. The bride-to-be is staff associate of The Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte. She is the daughter of Barbara Appelbaum of Jerusalem, Israel, and the late Albert Appelbaum.

The groom-elect is a Commander in the U.S. Navy, stationed at the

Naval Hospital in Charleston, S.C. He is the son of Helen Coleman Krapin of New York City and the late Louis Krapin.

A September 5 wedding is planned in Charleston, S.C.

Organizations

News of Greensboro

Dr. David B. Ruderman
Scholar-in-Residence
April 30-May 1

Dr. David B. Ruderman, professor of Jewish history at Yale University, will be Scholar-in-Residence in Greensboro, April 30-May 1. The programs, which will be held at both Temple Emanuel and Beth David Synagogue, are open to the public.

Dr. Ruderman chaired Yale's program in Judaic studies between 1983-88 and in 1990. He is the author of *The World of a Renaissance Jew: The Life and Thought of Abraham B. Mordecai Farissol*, for which he received the JWB National Book Award in Jewish History; *Kabbalah, Magic, and Science: The Cultural Universe of a Sixteenth Century Jewish Physician*, and *A Valley of Vision: The Heavenly Journey of Abraham Ben Hananiah Yagel*.

Ruderman also co-authored the two volume *Heritage: Civilization and the Jews, Study Guide and Source Reader*, which was prepared in conjunction with the showing of the PBS series of the same name. He recently edited *Essential Papers on Jewish Culture in Renaissance and Baroque Italy and Preachers of the Italian Ghetto*.

Ruderman was educated at the City College of New York, the Teacher's Institute of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, and Columbia University. He received his rabbinical degree from the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in New York and his Ph.D. in Jewish history from the Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

Ruderman has lectured widely to university audiences, as well as to clergy, community and synagogue groups. His area of specialization is medieval and early modern Jewish history and thought.

The program is sponsored by the Jewish Education Committee of the Greensboro Jewish Federation in cooperation with Beth David Synagogue and Temple Emanuel.

For more information, contact the Greensboro Jewish Federation at (919) 272-3189.

The Jewish Community Center
Charlotte, N.C.

Performing Arts Series

The JCC Performing Arts Series is presenting a one-man version of the Broadway hit, *The Rothschilds*, starring Bernie Dean, one of the famous *Zim Brothers*. The performance is Sunday, May 2 at 7 p.m. in Gorelick Hall at Shalom Park, 5007 Providence Rd., Charlotte, N.C.

Tickets are \$10 for JCC members; \$12.50 for non-members; \$8.50 for seniors and students. All proceeds from the Performing Arts Series go to the Special Needs Children's Program at the JCC.

Mr. Dean will carry the audience back to 18th-century Europe to trace, in song and story, the saga of the struggle, survival and success of the members of the Rothschild Family as they rise from the poverty of the ghetto to affluence and international eminence as builders of Europe's first railroads, and as proponents of the colonization of Palestine and the establishment of the State of Israel.

Breast Cancer Detection Symposium

The JCC will present a Breast Cancer Awareness Symposium on Wednesday, April 28 from 7-9 p.m. at Shalom Park, 5007 Providence Rd., Charlotte, N.C. The program is free to the community.

Sonia Gantt, WBTV health reporter, will moderate the symposium. Participants on the panel include: Dr. Edward Hughes, radiation oncologist; Dr. Peter Katz, general surgeon; Dr. Jonathan Levine, medical oncologist;

Dr. Vincent Voci, plastic surgeon; Jean Griswold, facility director, Metrolina Outreach Mammography; Pat Brown, breast cancer survivor. The expert panelists will discuss the latest information on detection and treatment of breast cancer.

As a service to the Charlotte community, the Metrolina Outreach Mammography Mobile Unit will be at the Jewish Community Center on Sunday, May 2 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.; Tuesday, May 4 from 4-8 p.m.; Thursday, May 6 from 4-8 p.m. The fee for a mammogram is \$65. Metrolina Outreach Mammography will help you file for your insurance.

Jewish Singles to Meet in Memphis

On April 23-26, Jewish Singles from over 30 states and Canada will have a fun-filled weekend in Memphis, Tenn. Over 300 singles are expected to attend. Workshops are planned as well as dinners, dances, mixers and tours. A private showing of the Napoleon Exhibition, from France, is also scheduled.

The beautiful Adam's Mark Hotel will house the event which commences on Friday afternoon and ends with a formal Dinner Dance on Sunday evening.

This is the 3rd Singles Weekend sponsored by the Memphis Jewish Family Service. All Jewish Singles over 30 years old are invited to attend.

The entire event, which includes all meals and transportation is less than \$200.00. Room rates are not included.

To obtain a brochure of the event you can contact Annie Trott or Bob Silver at (901) 767-8511 or write to Jewish Family Service, Singles Weekend, 6560 Poplar Ave., Memphis, Tenn., 38138 or Fax (901) 767-7128.

North Carolina Hillel by Rabbi Frank A. Fischer

In the life of the campus, words often reflect the mood of a particular era. It seems to me that among the words we often hear these days are "diversity" and "spirituality."

These words provide a focus for Hillel's programming this Spring. Everyone is familiar with the United Jewish Appeal slogan, "We are One." Yet, if we examine our oneness closely, discover a patchwork quilt of various colors, shades, customs and situations. North Carolina Hillel is devoting a significant portion of its activities to bring to our attention the diversity that makes up our Jewish community fabric.

We began the semester with a concert by *Voices of Sepharad*, a Sephardic song and dance ensemble which was brought to campus in cooperation with the Cultural Development Committee of the Durham/Chapel Hill Jewish Federation. Music continued to carry our theme with a concert by Achinoam Nini and Gil Dor, whose music is influenced by Yemenite folk melodies, New York jazz clubs, and L.A. dance halls! This program was cosponsored by Hillel and the Carolina Union Forum Committee, in cooperation with the Israeli Embassy.

Professor Barbara Johnson of Ithaca College shared her knowledge of the Cochin Jews of India with students at a special Shabbat program on Feb. 19.

"Voyages to Freedom," an ADL exhibit which chronicles 500 years of Jewish Life in the Caribbean and Latin America, was on campus in March. We heard a discussion on the lives of Jews in Latin America by Professor Rosa Perelmutter on March 3.

In preparation for Yom HaShoah, Dr. Henry Landsberger, retired professor of sociology at UNC, will speak about German Jewry. We will also view "The Truth Shall Make Us Free," a film which explores the current neo-Nazi network in Germany. The Shabbat before Yom HaShoah will be devoted to learning about the experiences of several UNC students who participated in the March of the Living.

Two Shabbatot this semester are devoted to exploring issues of Jewish spirituality. The first was at the end of January, when our Shabbat guest was Rabbi Joe Levine, former Hillel Director at the University of Pitts-

burgh and now the director of Jewish Studies at DePauw University in Indiana. Rabbi Levine led a discussion on the nature of personal spirituality and those experiences which bring us closer to God.

Later in the semester, we will welcome back Sue Fendrick, a third year student at the Jewish Theological Seminary, who will present a program on the theme *Am Echad*—One People. Reflecting on her own spiritual journey, Sue will share her insights on the different streams of Jewish life in America, and how they have more in common than we normally realize.

All of Hillel's programs are made possible through the dedicated efforts of students and staff committed to Jewish continuity and growth.

Hillel at UNC is happy to announce that it received one of 17 Pitt Campus Creativity Grants from national Hillel. The project, "Jewish Community Awareness Builders" by Rona Schwartz, created a student speakers bureau which reaches into the college community through a series of workshops to examine the basics of Judaism.

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**Hadassah Southern Seaboard
Region Conference,
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by Elaine Ragone**

Hadassah's Southern Seaboard Region's annual conference will be a Shabbaton Kallah format, April 30-May 2, at the Guest Quarters Suite Hotel, Research Triangle Park, N.C.

This year, the conference will feature two scholars-in-residence, Dr. Carol Diamant and Yosef Abramowitz, both of whom will be sharing their knowledge on what unites and divides American and Israeli Jewry. This year's theme, "Voices From the Past/Visions For the Future," is taken from the book, *American and Israeli Jews, Understanding and Misunderstanding* (the new National Hadassah publication).

At the conference, Hadassah members and associates will be inspired by Dr. Carol Diamant, National Hadassah Jewish Education director. Dr. Diamant is a recent recipient of the Shazar Prize for Excellence in Jewish Education in the Diaspora. Before coming to Hadassah, Diamant was a professor of Jewish Studies at Queens College, N.Y.

The conference's theme will examine the differences between American and Israeli Jews and the issues that divide us. Yosef I. Abramowitz will be providing all participants additional insight and wisdom. Abramowitz, associate editor of *Moment*, is

an author, lecturer and activist. Having traveled to over 20 countries, it is no surprise that he was listed in *Who's Who in International Affairs*. Currently a doctoral student at the Jewish Theological Seminary, Abromowitz served in the Israeli army and is published in *Newsweek*, the *New York Times* and the *Washington Post Magazine*.

**Raleigh Chapter of Hadassah
by Linda Landau**

"A Taste of Judaism", featuring women from such diverse homelands as Morocco, India, Colombia and Iran, was the topic of Hadassah's Feb. 23 meeting at the Stonebridge Clubhouse. The speakers told of Jewish life in the countries they once called home and treated us to some foods typical of those regions.

Hadassah Shabbat was celebrated on March 5 at Beth Meyer Synagogue. The members participated in a service that related Hadassah women to the story of Esther and Purim. Hamantaschen and other desserts ended the evening sweetly.

On March 21, Hadassah Life Members were honored at a Sunday morning brunch at the home of Noel Lichitin. A one-time payment of \$250 can make you a Life Member. Affirm your commitment to Hadassah and the vital work its members continue to do.

**Charlotte Chapter of
Hadassah**

The Charlotte Chapter of Hadassah will have a luncheon on Wednesday, April 21 at 11:30 a.m. at the First Union Bank uptown. The program will be for Education Day.

Diane Schwartz, nominating chairman, announces that election of the following slate will be held at the April 21 meeting: Roz Cooper, president; Lynda White, president-elect; Susan Lepow and Debby Rosenberger, education v.ps.; Helene Judd, communications v.p.; Ellen Dubin and Alice Kavadlo, membership v.ps.; Ann Brandt and Marcia Smith, fundraising v.ps.; Nancy Blacker, financial secretary; Rosalie Starer, treasurer; Gloria Pepper, recording secretary; Jo Minchew, corresponding secretary.

**Hi-Tech International
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Rabbis' Winter Kallah Durham, N.C.

by Estelle Hoffman

The Mid-Atlantic CCAR (Central Conference of American Rabbis, Reform) and the GCAR (Greater Carolinas Association of Rabbis) held a joint seminar in Durham, Feb. 21 to 24.

The two organizations held separate business meetings, but they shared the program, "Intersections: Judaism and Islam."

Lectures were given by Gordon Newby, chairman of the Department of Near Eastern and Judaic Language and Literature, Emory University, whose topic was "Contesting Abraham's Legacy: Jewish/Muslim Relations at the Beginning of Islam"; Vincent Cornell, Department of Religion, Duke University, whose topic was "Deuteronomy's Daughters: Approaches to Usury in Judaism and Islam"; David Halperin, Department of Religious Studies, University of North Carolina, who spoke twice. His two talks were entitled, "Bible and Agadah in Judaism & Islam."

Dr. Kalman Bland, chairman of the Department of Religion at Duke University, is well known to the rabbis, having spoken to them at previous events. He discussed "Medieval Jewish & Islamic Philosophy."

The overview on opening night was presented by Joe Glaser, who is chairman of the board of RIAL (Religion in American Life). He talked about "Rabbis and American Muslims."

Since Islam is said to be the fastest growing religion in the U.S., the importance of understanding and dialogue becomes evident. These speakers are scholars who are learned in the field, and they are actively engaged in imparting their knowledge. Rabbis are eager to learn, and this seminar was enlightening.

Handouts included a pamphlet with information about Islam and a handsome booklet published by the Embassy of Saudi Arabia in Washington, D.C. The booklet, *Understanding Islam and the Muslims*, is beautifully illustrated and emphasizes favorable aspects of Islam. It is available free from the Embassy's Department of Islamic Affairs, 601 New Hampshire Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20037.

Here are some thoughts noted during the lectures. American Muslims judge Christianity harshly, criticizing the Gospels.

Originally, Muslims intended to return to the pristine religion of the Hebrew Bible. They felt, back in the 7th century, that Judaism had wandered away from its original beliefs. Muslim ideas have changed.

American Muslims claim they believe in American pluralism and that they have bought into the American dream. Joe Glaser said that they are inconsistent. It is interesting to know that in one of their books, reports are made of the millions of people killed by Stalin and of Hiroshima, but no mention is made of the Holocaust. He does hope that some kind of new change may be taking place. He feels it necessary that we have contacts with Muslims in America, in the name of religious pluralism. "You can't go wrong doing good," he said.

It is disturbing to know that there are Muslims in this country who are raising money for Hamas. A fact that many of us don't know is that only 10% of Muslims are Arabs. The majority live in the sub-continent of Asia, Indonesia and Malaysia.

Mohammedans and Jews share the stress on the perfection of the world, in contrast to Christianity, which focuses on the individual. Muslims make a claim to Abraham as their own, because he lived before the Torah was given to Moses, so he couldn't have been Jewish, they say.

In America, some Blacks have become Muslims, largely as a matter of protest to the general society. Since their presence is a fact, we do need to build bridges between Christians, Jews and Muslims.

As a footnote, it needs to be said that politics was omitted from the symposium. Perhaps more gleanings from these talks will be offered in a future issue of *Times Outlook*.



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The Vatican and Israel: An Historic New Era

by Haim Shapiro

(WZPS) Few issues are more emotion laden than that of relations between the Catholic Church and the State of Israel, and yet there are few issues today which give observers more reason for hope that we are on the threshold of a new era.

"There is a wind of change in relations between the Vatican and Israel," said Avi Pazner, Israel's Ambassador to Rome, prior to a meeting between Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and Pope John Paul II at the Vatican in October 1992.

After the meeting, Peres himself said he thought it would be "a matter of months, one or two years at the most" before Israel and the Vatican exchanged ambassadors.

The issue actually began with the meeting between Theodor Herzl and Pope Pius X in 1904. "The Jews have not recognized our Lord, therefore we cannot recognize the Jewish People," Herzl recorded the Pope as saying.

Indeed, for centuries, Roman Catholic children were taught that the Jews were collectively responsible for the Crucifixion and that the Exile and Diaspora were their punishment.

"This people will be torn from their land. . . scattered through the world. . . under the burden of a divine curse which will accompany them through the course of history," one Italian Catholic textbook said. This background of hatred made all the more impressive the Second Vatican Council of 1965, which called upon Christians to see Judaism in a new and positive light. Indeed, the Roman Catholic Church expunged anti-Jewish teachings from its textbooks and prayers and, in 1986, Pope Paul II visited the main synagogue of Rome.

However, for many Jews, such gestures remained empty as long as the Vatican refused to establish full diplomatic relations with the State of Israel. The Church, for its part, stated categorically that there were no theological barriers to full diplomatic relations with the State of Israel, but in the light of history, many Jews remained unconvinced. The Catholics maintained that such relations would imperil Catholics and other Christians throughout the Arab world.

This was to change as a result of the new international climate following the Gulf War, in which scores of countries from Eastern Europe and the Third World exchanged ambassadors with Israel, and the Arab states themselves began to negotiate with Israel as part of the Mideast Peace Process. For the Roman Catholic Church, it became clear that non-recognition could mean it would have no say in crucial decisions being made about the Holy Land.

At first, there were tentative and secret meetings between Avi Pazner, then Israel's ambassador in Rome, and Vatican officials. Then, last July, the Holy See published an official communique, announcing the establishment of a bilateral commission. According to the Vatican spokesman, Joachim Navarro-Valls, the purpose of this commission was to "establish conditions of freedom for the Catholic Church in

Israel and the areas occupied by Israel. The re-establishment (sic) of diplomatic relations must be seen as a consequence of this priority."

Anticipating a negative reaction from Arab sources, Navarro-Valls noted that "Palestinians affiliated with the PLO are formally meeting with Israelis, why shouldn't we?"

Despite the disclaimer, Latin Patriarch Michel Sabbah and Greek Catholic Bishop Lutfi Laham, both signed a letter together with the Anglican bishop of Jerusalem and the Moslem grand mufti, saying that the talks "should not overlook the historical Arab sovereignty over the city."

Vatican officials, on the other hand, rejected the idea that the talks had to deal with any "political issues," such as the status of Jerusalem. Archbishop Andrea Cordero Lanza di Montezemolo, the Apostolic Delegate in Jerusalem and the top-ranking Vatican diplomat in the area, said in an interview that the commission would only discuss issues which were of interest to Israel and the Catholic Church. "Political issues should be decided by those involved," he said.

It was not only Arabs who objected to the talks. While Israeli officials and world Jewish leaders have stressed the importance of relations in improving Israel's international status and in fighting anti-Semitism, some Israeli Jews, including Rabbi Eliezer Schach, one of the most influential ultra-Orthodox leaders, have asked why such relations were necessary.

On a practical level, the talks have been conducted by a commission, under the joint chairmanship of Israeli Deputy Foreign Minister Yossi Beilin and the Vatican Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Msgr. Claudio Maria Celli. Preparing the groundwork for the commission are working committees which deal with such issues as the legal status of the church, education, taxation and pilgrimage. In some areas, the talks have gone easily, with quick agreement, while on other issues, such as the degree to which Church institutions should be exempt from taxation, there have been more difficulties.

It appears likely that at first there will be an exchange of representatives at a level lower than ambassadorial. However, this may prove no obstacle to another result of an agreement, a visit to Israel by the Pope. This, at the very least, would give an enormous boost to Israel's tourist industry.

Establishment of diplomatic relations, or a papal visit, would also bring great satisfaction to the many Catholics who have worked for years to further Christian-Jewish dialogue. One of these, sister Kaye MacDonald, Superior for the Middle East, of the Sisters of Zion, said it "would be a real encouragement for deeper and more solid Jewish-Christian relations everywhere in the world."

However, she also warned that Israel should not hold its breath. "If I know the Vatican, it will be slow and careful," she said.

From the Editor

Dear Readers:

My life has been enriched these last seven years since I became editor of *The American Jewish Times Outlook*. What a luxury to meet so many new friends, to write and to talk to hundreds of readers who helped to make my work at the *Times Outlook* so rewarding.

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Geri Zhiss was born in Detroit, Mich., where she graduated from the Detroit Institute of Fine Art. She has studied photography at Rice University and has received honors for her creative works from The American Humane Association, *The Detroit News* and The Automobile Association of America.

Geri's background includes owning and operating a small advertising agency in Philadelphia. She is the creator of "KID-DIDDLE." The character "KID-DIDDLE" was created for a weekly column in *The Philadelphia Daily News* and represented the Please Touch Museum in Philadelphia. Geri also illustrated *Help the Kid is Bored!* which received book of the month award from the Children's Reading Round Table in November 1980. While residing in Philadelphia, Geri collaborated with a team of ORT volunteers to create a series of Jewish cookbooks.

Arriving in Charlotte in 1986 with her husband, Gene, and their three sons, Ron, Mike and Peter, Geri became active in the Charlotte Jewish

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Association as director in Charlotte for three years. Presently, Geri is a freelance graphic artist.

During her 26 years of marriage, Geri has lived in a number of cities across the country. She has discovered a common thread in each of these cities—the warmth and acceptance of the Jewish community. Geri looks forward to her new role as editor of *The American Jewish Times Outlook*.

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Rabbi Wolpe is presently the Director of the Ostrow Library and Instructor in Modern Jewish Thought at the University of Judaism. He has taught philosophy at Hunter College in New York. For a young man he has amassed many miles lecturing to over 100 groups in many different cities. He is also a faculty fellow at the Brandeis-Bardin Institute in Simi Valley, California.

He is a prolific writer and contributor to many magazines and publications. His major works today consist of *The Healer of Shattered Hearts: A Jewish View of God* which has already become a classic. His newest book is *In Speech and In Silence: The Jewish Quest for God*.

Rabbi Daniel H. Gordis is a Magna Cum Laude and Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Columbia College in Political Science. He then received an M.A. in Judaica and Rabbinic ordination from the Jewish Theological Seminary with honors. In 1992 he completed his thesis and received a doctorate degree in Social Ethics from the School of Religion at the University of Southern California.

Following ordination, Rabbi Gordis served two years as assistant Rabbi at Adat Ari El Synagogue in North Hollywood. He is currently Dean of Administration and assistant to the President and Lecturer in Rabbinic Literature at the University of Judaism. He also serves as a Lehman Faculty Fellow at the Brandeis-Bardin Institute and Dean of the Faculty at the Brandeis Collegiate Institute.

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Reservation fee is \$200 per person, two in a room. Single supplement (available only if space is available), \$65 additional.

Reservations cannot be made unless full payment accompanies this application. No refund will be made unless cancellation is made no later than July 10, in which case a non-refundable \$15 fee will be retained.

Date _____

Please enter a reservation for _____ persons.

I enclose \$ _____

Name _____

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Address _____

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Phone _____ B'nai B'rith member? _____

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Any special rooming needs or preferences (e.g. can't climb stairs)? _____

(Note: B'nai B'rith members receive preference in registration until June 10, 1993.)

Mail reservations and check payable to BB Institute of Judaism II to Todd and Carole Savitt, 3101 Ellsworth Drive, Greenville, NC 27834, Phone 919-355-6580. (Answering machine after 4 rings.)

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May/June 1993

BJH Is a Classroom Where Children Learn Tzedakah

Charity may begin at home but educators, teachers, and parents are realizing that it can also be taught in the classroom as well. Fortunately for the Blumenthal Jewish Home, classroom walls have extended to include visits where concepts such as respect and caring for others can be turned into something tangible. The teaching of values, such as compassion or caring for others, tzedakah or sharing, giving to others and Mitzvot, doing good deeds, have traditionally been the responsibility of the family and religious education. At a national conference on the state of ethics among American youth, held in Aspen, Colorado last year, leaders from service agencies serving youth, educators, and ethics professors discussed "the shocking decline in values in our youth" and advocated a more thoughtful commitment to moral education of youth. The conference prepared a declaration in Character Education containing six basic common values that should



Students from B'nai Shalom Day School in Greensboro serve hamentaschen, which they brought to the residents for Purim.

be taught: respect, responsibility, trustworthiness, caring, justice and fairness, civic virtue and citizenship.

Both schools and organizations serving youth are looking at ways to teach values. The past few years at BJH have seen students from secular and religious schools, from pre-school to college, coming

to visit residents at the Home. Pre-school students from Temple Emanuel visit monthly for shabbat observance and to share songs and pictures they have made and to learn to give and receive in a loving atmosphere. Elementary students have come to entertain, to learn what "old people" are like,

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Classroom (continued)

and to bring holiday gifts to residents. The children discover that the elderly can be fun and they have interesting stories to tell. Experiences can be shared, stereotypes erased and mutual respect developed. Often with extended families living apart, these are opportunities for both students and the older adults to appreciate one another. "My daughter met a charming gentleman she wants to be a pen pal with," said the mother of a student after a visit by Temple Emanuel Junior Youth group. "We are looking forward to coming back."

A link between generations and cultures was recently formed when a resident displayed the photo of a young student from Calvary Day School who visited with his class and interviewed the resident. "He took a photo of us together," said the resident, speaking warmly of the student and "he had a lot of questions." Mr. Nove, a survivor of the holocaust, willingly shares his story with students who have the desire to learn the lessons of history. Mr. Nove has his own album of photos, including three of his children. He calls them paper

Residents enjoy the friendship of students from Wake Forest University and West Forsyth High School Anchor Club. Pictured clockwise from left are BJH residents Rose Germain, Claire Cass and Florence Weiner.

children, for the pictures are all that survived. The student left with a photo of Mr. Nove and himself but also with a great deal more.

High school students visit on a regular basis as volunteers with service clubs. College students are often here to learn through internships. These are not only opportunities to learn about older adults, but to put into practice values of caring, responsibility, commitment, and giving. BJH residents are most willing to be a classroom for students and to share the values of a lifetime. Our residents discover the compassion and interest of the young and the students learn values they carry with them throughout their lives.

(See Sue's News for related article.)

BJH NEWS

Editor - Sue Clein



WELCOME

May you have a long, healthy, and happy life.

Ila Bailey
Mocksville, NC
Florence Sag
Deerfield Beach, FL
Goldie Sandler
Hendersonville, NC

IN MEMORY

We mourn the loss of:

Lillian Kamens
Theresa Goldstein
Frances Roatberg
Leo Schwartz
Anna Shapiro
Harry Westerman
Yvette Pearlman

May their cherished memories bring comfort to their loved ones.

On the Home Front... BJH Promotes Wellness

Health Fair for residents and staff held in March

Comprehensive Medical Rehabilitation Center sponsored a health fair for residents and employees of the Home on March 11. Physical therapists from Comprehensive Rehab, with the assistance of BJH's nursing and pharmacy departments, conducted the Fair. Preventive medicine is the key to good health and both employees and residents had the opportunity to discover where they placed on the wellness continuum.

Residents received posture, cardiovascular, flexibility, and foot screening as well as wheelchair and walker checks and pharmaceutical and nutritional information. Employees had the opportunity for blood pressure, lift, endurance, strength, and flexibility testing. This was the time to discover just how much exercise you really do need to begin to plan your personal wellness program.



Janet Kindred (right), the Director of Social Services at BJH, welcomes SuAnn Mayhue to the department.

Staff Notes

Staff Appointments announced in Social Services Department

Janet Kindred, Director of the Social Services Department, has accepted the position of Director of Admissions for the Home in addition to her responsibilities as Director of the Social Services Department. SuAnn Mayhue has joined the department as a social worker. SuAnn is a graduate of Salem College with degrees in Psychology and Sociology. She will be the social worker for residents on the B-1 Wing and will assist with Admissions.

BJH congratulates and welcomes Janet Kindred and SuAnn Mayhue to their new positions.



Clinical Dietician Patsy Plant introduces the new Food Guide Pyramid to staff.

National Nutrition Month celebrated in March

Patsy Plant, clinical dietician at BJH, had everyone watching what they eat, or at least thinking about it, during the month of March. The staff dining room was a resource of nutritional information for those interested in maintaining healthy eating habits. Posters, pamphlets, health-wise recipes, calorie labels on foods and health-wise food choices greeted those making selections from the employee cafeteria.

As a special treat and a reminder to the forgetful, Patsy delivered healthy snacks to staff during the month. Did you know that a small cup of pretzels has 111 calories and 22½ grams of carbohydrates? Much better for you than that candy bar! Thank you to Patsy Plant, clinical dietician, for providing the information and inspiration needed to help us eat wisely.



Fair Oaks resident David Levine has his balance monitored at the Health Fair.

SUE's NEWS

Student Volunteers Both Give & Receive



"Before coming to volunteer at Blumenthal, I had certain images of the people who live in retirement homes. Through my work here I have become friends with several different people and realize each person is an individual with certain gifts. I've enjoyed discovering who each person is and through contact every week have begun relationships. We all need companionship, a smiling face, someone who will listen — that is what I have found here. I have learned more about myself and other people. As a volunteer you think you are coming here to **give**, but you end up **receiving** so much more."

These thoughtful words were written by Wake Forest student Rachel Rogers towards the end of her volunteer experience at BJH. Rachel's sensitive and open nature endeared her to the residents with whom she spent time. She, like the other students who volunteer at the Home, bring something special with them but

they also receive a great deal. Rachel plans to attend medical school this fall; she carries with her an experience which, through her, will touch the lives of many people.

Relationships between young and old can be nurturing, giving, and an opportunity for learning for both. Becky Cook, advisor to the West Forsyth High School Anchor Club, describes the benefits of the club's four years of volunteering at the Home. "The girls have gotten so much out of this activity. I have seen them grow with it over the years they are involved. For many who have no grandparents close by, it is their only contact with the elderly." "I want to pursue a career in geriatric nursing. Coming here has helped me decide that this is what I want to do for a career. It's exciting," said Amy Nicholson, co-president of the Anchor Club. For information about intergenerational programs or volunteer opportunities for students, call Sue Clein at 919-766-6401.

Above left: Wake Forest student Rachel Rogers says she has received a great deal from spending time with residents like Miriam Gingold, pictured here.

Above right: Bessie Schwartz admires the prom dress modeled by an Anchor Club student in a fashion show for the residents.

Below: A young student from B'nai Shalom carefully delivers her gift of hamantaschen to the residents during Purim.



BJH NEWS BRIEFS: The Whole Megillah



Avigail Shalom, teacher at B'nai Shalom, helps her students prepare to serve the residents following a performance by the class.



Members of the BJH Activity Staff took a greatly deserved bow following their performance of "The Story of Purim."

- **B'NAI SHALOM DAY SCHOOL'S** fourth grade class brought the "whole megillah" to BJH on March 8. Avigail Shalom, 4th grade teacher, and her inspired students presented a thoroughly modern Purim play and a delightful rendition of holiday songs. Residents enjoyed the performances as well as the delicious homemade hamen-tashen brought by the students.
- **ACTIVITY STAFF** turned thespians for Purim. Alvoncia Walker, Therapeutic Recreation student intern from Winston-Salem State University, produced a pantomime play "The Story of Purim," which was performed for residents and staff on March 8. Activity staff members captivated the audience with their starring performance. Noisemakers were reserved for Haman's name and all the actors received rave reviews from the crowd. Congratulations to Alvoncia and to the activity staff for an excellent show.

- **THE PURIM CARNIVAL** brought winners to the Commons Auditorium on March 5. The residents gambled for high stakes at games of black jack, roulette and bingo at the Las Vegas style celebration. Everyone was a winner at these games for fun, including staff and volunteers who kept the crowds smiling, winning and enjoying hamen-tashen, popcorn, drinks and candy.

Winning volunteers and residents seen at the Purim Carnival are, clockwise from above right: Darrell Mandelstamm, Dora Bierman, Howard Friedensen, Mickey Samet and Mary Taylor.



On the Scene at Passover — 1993



Sam Jacobson gives the microphone to a young participant at the Seder at the Home.



Lynda Abrahamson assists volunteer Andrew Ettin with the ceremonial hand washing.

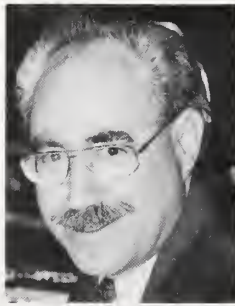
- **PASSOVER AT BJH** means tradition. The Commons was filled again this year with residents, their families and friends, volunteers and staff who gather together for the first and second night Seders. Remembering, retelling, and sharing this beautiful experience is what makes the Seder special at BJH. Keeping with tradition, Sam Jacobson led the seder each night with the assistance of volunteers Barry Strulson the first night and Andrew Ettin the second night. The beautiful voices of these volunteers bring a wonderful addition to the service, a tradition to look forward to each year.

Adding their special touch to the Seder this year are children who asked the four questions, volunteer Barry Strulson, singing, and family member Eva Nove, lighting the Holiday candles.



- **A NEW TRADITION** began at BJH this year; a Special Seder, a modified service for residents unable to attend the traditional seder was added. Bruce Schlosberg, Director of Development, led the Seder for residents on Monday morning, the eve of Passover.

Smiles seen at the Seders





Four generations enjoy a visit in Fair Oaks, left to right: Sheila Herman, Cathy Miller, and Amanda Miller visit with great-grandmother Shirley Shane.

Celebrate with
Mom & Dad
Grandma & Grandpa
Parent's Day Brunch

Sunday, May 9, 1993
12:15 p.m.

Ron Rudkin "Swing Band"
3 p.m.

Adults: \$8.00 RSVP by
Children: \$4.00 May 1

CALENDAR FOR MAY

- 4 Homewide Birthday Party, Greensboro Volunteers, 1:30 p.m., Commons Auditorium
- 6 Rabbi's Hour with Rabbi Havivi, 10:00 a.m., Synagogue
- 9 Parents' Day Brunch, Fair Oaks Commons, 12:15 p.m.
- 9 Brenner Concert, Ron Rudkin "Swing Band" 3:00 p.m., Commons Auditorium
- 10-16 Celebrate National Nursing Home Week**
- 12 Rabbi's Hour with Rabbi Liebschutz, 2:00 p.m., Synagogue
- 13 Spring Celebration, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Groves Stadium
- 14 Mayfest, Temple Emanuel Pre-school and Southwest 5th grade, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Courtyard
- 16 Sunday Sweets with Sisterhood, Temple Emanuel, 2:30 p.m., Upper Commons
- 17 Rabbi's Hour with Rabbi Harkavy, 11:00 a.m., Synagogue
- 18 Winston-Salem Symphony, 6:45 p.m., Commons Auditorium
- 19 Leave for Greensboro, Starmount Country Club, 10:30 a.m.
- 20 Forsyth Country Day School, Commons Auditorium, 10:00 a.m.
- 20 Muriel's Comfort Clothing, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m., Friendship Room
- 21 Leave for Winston-Salem, Shopping at Hanes Mall, 9:30 a.m.
- 23 Brenner Concert, Razz Ma Tazz, "Stepping Out, A Musical Trip to Broadway and Beyond," 3:00 p.m., Commons Auditorium
- 25 Eve of Shavu'ot, Services, 6:15 p.m., Synagogue
- 26 First Day of Shavu'ot, Services, 9:15 a.m., Synagogue
- 27 Second Day of Shavu'ot, Yiskor, 9:15 a.m., Synagogue

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

MAY

Ila Bailey
Nettie Hampton
Mildred Kalet
Lottie Maienthau
Bea Mandel
Sue Michielutte
Anna Passman
Anna Schleicher
Therese Schwartz
Sarah Sherry
Doris Sink
Ida Temko
Jacob Tirkeltaub
Don Warnick

JUNE

Regina Becker
John Drake
Lela Edmonds
Freda Hurwitz
Syd Kastel
Lena Krieger
Helen Labell
Bertha Lippman
Dorothy Myers
Rose Nove
Esther Sabbah
Elaine Simons
Rachel Thompson
Miriam Warshofsky



CALENDAR FOR JUNE

- 1 Homewide Birthday Party, Greensboro Volunteers, 1:30 p.m., Commons Auditorium
- 3 Rabbi's Hour with Rabbi Havivi, 10:00 a.m., Synagogue
- 6 Sunday Sweets with Sisterhood, Temple Emanuel, 2:30 p.m., Upper Commons
- 9 Rabbi's Hour with Rabbi Liebschutz, 2:00 p.m., Synagogue
- 13 Music at Sunset, Tanglewood Park, 6:00 p.m.
- 16 Leave for Greensboro, Starmount Country Club, 10:30 a.m.
- 19 Shopping at Hanes Mall, 9:30 a.m.
- 21 Rabbi's Hour with Rabbi Harkavy, 11:00 a.m., Synagogue
- 23 Music with Steve Huyser, 10:30 a.m., Commons Auditorium
- 23 Rabbi's Hour with Rabbi White, 11:00 a.m., Commons Auditorium
- 27 Music at Sunset, Tanglewood Park, 6:00 p.m.

Generations come together at BJH

Above left: BJH resident Gaither Bryant enjoys the sunshine of the courtyard with his daughter and son-in-law, Barbara and Aleck Pappas.

Tad McClamrock, Director of Maintenance, prepares the fountain in the courtyard for spring; this is a favorite spot for visitors and residents.

A sunny winter day drew Virginia Brown and "roll and stroll" volunteer Benjamin Glock to the courtyard for a visit.

Great-grandmother Ella Gunzberger (left) and her sister Rose Schulherr enjoy a visit from Ella's great-grandson Stewart Miller.

BJH Is Happy To Announce Its Selections For Employee Of The Month



HARRY COOLEY

Maintenance Department
February, 1993

When Harry Cooley came to work in the maintenance department in August 1990, he brought a great deal more to BJH than his "nuts and bolts" ability. Staff members and residents throughout the Home benefit from Harry's generous, thoughtful, and caring personality. Harry retired from AT&T in Winston-Salem after a 31 year career in a job with very little interaction with people; he came to a position where he has the opportunity to share his friendly personality daily. Harry says he is truly enjoying this career change at this time in his life. "I love the friendly and relaxed atmosphere of the Home and the opportunity to get to know more people. I have a true feeling of accomplishment; there is a great deal of job satisfaction in knowing that we serve the residents with the work we do."

Serving the residents for Harry means not only being responsible for maintenance in the Home but often means giving a helping hand, fixing a walker, or pushing a wheelchair down the hall. Some of

the residents have "adopted" Harry, and he enjoys bringing his 2 year old grandchild to visit.

Growing up as a city boy in El Paso, Texas, Harry says he developed a love of fishing when his family moved to Elk Park in the North Carolina mountains, a real change for him at the age of 12. He served five years in the United States Air Force, enjoying two years in Alaska and then returned to Fort Fisher in North Carolina. His family's genealogy includes Mexico, Germany, England and Ireland, New York and Texas, but he says his roots are definitely in North Carolina with his wife Cozie, three grown children, and one grandson.

Surprised at being chosen Employee of the Month, Harry says, "I felt quite honored, there are so many deserving people; I am very appreciative."

BJH is very appreciative of the concern that Harry Cooley brings to the job. He is a deserving employee whom we are very proud to honor.



Jane Rosenberg shows off a new hairdo at the Passover Seder.



BOBBIE DUBOSE

Dietary Cook
March, 1993

Bobbie Dubose developed her love of cooking and began her career as a child in her parents' restaurant in Greenwood, Mississippi. She said her parents told her if you can cook you can always have a profession that no one can take away from you and she took their advice.

Bobbie Dubose brought a great deal of experience with her when she began to work at BJH in August, 1991. Her background includes studying cooking at Greenwood Vocational School, eight years as a head cook at North Carolina Baptist Hospital Penthouse and six years as the Kitchen Supervisor at Salem College.

Kosher cooking is a new experience for Bobbie and one that she says she is enjoying. "I like learning about Kosher foods; what I like best about a job is the challenge it offers and at the Home, I am learning new things," says Bobbie. She said she especially enjoyed the opportunity to fix some fancy dishes for the staff members who

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The dietary staff received congratulations for the elegant, delicious, and beautifully served Seder meals. Special thanks to Wayne Dieser (not pictured), Director of Dining Services, and the entire staff for those enjoyable meals.

Bobbie Dubose (continued)

stayed at the Home during the snow storm in March.

Bobbie lives in Winston-Salem with her husband Ronald and three sons, ages 19, 15, and 14. When she is not working at the Home, she does catering, heads the cooking committee at church, directs the youth choir and enjoys fishing with her family.

Although her sons have different careers of medicine, basketball, and law in mind, Bobbie says she has taught them to work hard and to treat people well when they serve as waiters for her catered parties. Her dream is to own her own day care someday and to make it easier for other working mothers. "I took my children to work with me at 4 a.m. and took them to school on my break," says Bobbie.

BJH has been the beneficiary of not only Bobbie's tasty cooking, but also her bright smile, cheerful personality and positive work ethic. She is a model both to her family and to those with whom she works. BJH is proud to have Bobbie Dubose on our staff and congratulate her on this honor.



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to the following staff members who celebrate anniversaries of employment in May and June.

MAY

18 Years

Pauline Allen, *Nsg. Asst., Fair Oaks*

16 Years

Esther Peay, *Dietary*

13 Years

Vicki Brown, *LPN, Fair Oaks*

10 Years

Phillip Money, *Nsg. Asst., B-1*

8 Years

Patsy Petree, *Director of Nursing*

5 Years

Lois Slater, *Nsg. Asst., A-Wing*

4 Years

Shirley Wilmoth, *Nsg. Asst., B-2*

Genevieve Yankus, *Dietary*

3 Years

Lynda Edmondson, *Administrator*

Sonya Fulton, *Nsg. Asst., B-1*

Virginia Marfin, *Nsg. Asst., B-2*

Martha Smiley, *RN, B-2*

Afreida Thompson,

Director of Resident Activities

Pat Webb, *Nsg. Asst., A-Wing*

2 Years

Charlotte Brown,

Nsg. Asst., Fair Oaks

Jean Greene, *Development*

Clara Houser, *Nsg. Asst., A-Wing*

Barenda Mauney,

Transportation Coordinator

Susan Williams, *Medical Records*

1 Year

Kathleen Anchante,

Nsg. Asst., A-Wing

Walter Grimmett, *Dietary*

JUNE

7 Years

Gail Smith, *Nsg. Asst., B-1*

6 Years

Lydia Sparrow, *Controller*

Donnelle Vaughn, *Office Manager*

5 Years

Keith Elliott, *Maintenance*

Janice Evans, *Nsg. Asst., B-2*

4 Years

Linda Smith, *LPN, Fair Oaks*

Arlene van de Rijn,

Administrative Assistant

3 Years

Sabrina Campbell, *Nsg. Asst., B-2*

Marleen Newell,

RN, Unit Manager, Fair Oaks

2 Years

Linda Johnson, *Nsg. Asst., B-1*

Elizabeth Lynch, *Nsg. Asst., B-2*

Mary Pelham, *Nsg. Asst., B-2*

1 Year

Leslie Anderson, *Nsg. Asst., A-Wing*

Naomi Cool, *Nsg. Asst., B-1*

Veronica Fogle, *Dietary*

Charles McIntire, *Chef*

Lena Phelps, *Housekeeping*

Yvonne Prevette,

Transportation Coordinator

Amy Robinson, *Nsg. Asst., A-Wing*

Barbara Simmons,

Nsg. Asst., Fair Oaks

Visit **"BLUMIES"** at BJH
the Gift Shop in the Commons
We have a New Look!

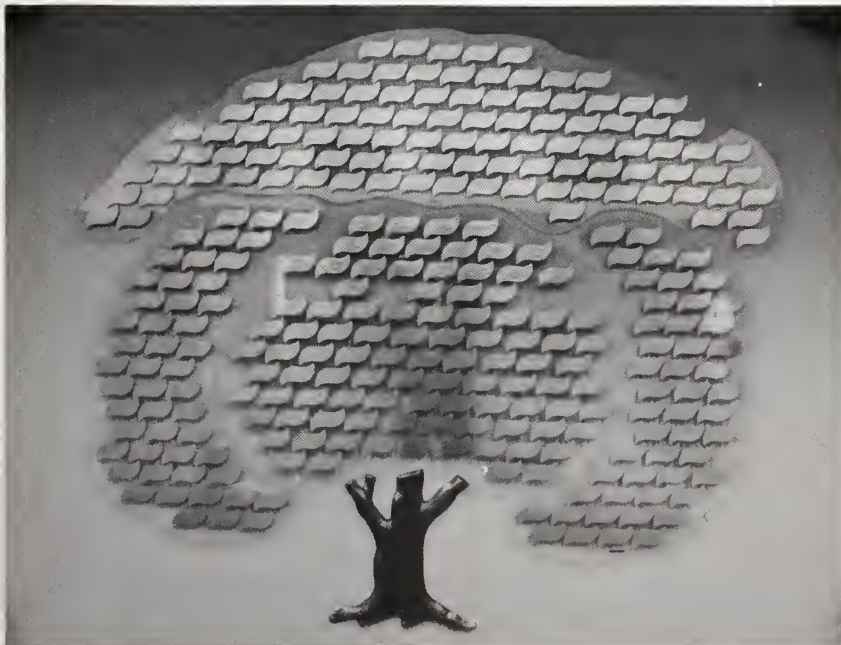


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Come! See! Buy! Volunteer!**

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THE TREE OF LIFE
Etz Chaim



The Tree of Life, located in the entrance to Fair Oaks, is a way of honoring your loved ones and giving tzedakah to the Home.

**The BJH Triad Booster
Committee Presents**

**THE FIFTH ANNUAL
"MENSCH
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Guest Speaker
MR. WOODY DURHAM
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6:30 p.m. Tuesday
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\$150.00 per person

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What's Developing?

by Bruce Schlosberg
Director of Development

Don't Stop Thinking About Tomorrow

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Just imagine the following scene. You have just returned from a memorable vacation overseas. You have a warm feeling remembering all the good times, which you will not forget for the rest of your life. You are emptying your suitcase, and you see currency from the places you visited.

DO NOT THROW AWAY THAT FUNNY MONEY. SEND IT TO THE HOME. You will receive a tax deduction and another warm feeling that you are performing a Mitzvah.

We shall report to you from time to time how much money we have raised in the Foreign Currency Fund. Thanks to Sidney Conn, owner of the Balloon Works in Statesville, for this idea.

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The Fifth Commandment tells us to honor our mothers and fathers. A beautiful way of honoring or remembering our parents is to inscribe a leaf on the Home's Tree of Life.

If you would like to pay tribute to your mother and/or father, please complete the attached portion and send us a minimum donation of \$100.

Your name: _____

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Put your trust in the Blumenthal Jewish Home by establishing a Charitable Remainder Trust which will benefit you and the Home. By establishing a trust you can:

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If you want to learn more about the Charitable Remainder Trust, call Bruce Schlosberg at the Home at 919-766-3035.

FUTURE SHOCK

A 25-year old who retires at age 65 and needs nursing home care by age 80 will face out-of-pocket costs of \$90,503 a year in 1991 dollars, according to a study by the Northwestern National Life Insurance Company.



Audrey Madans, President-Elect of the Board of Trustees, is one of the smiling faces seen at the BJH Seder.

DECLARE YOUR INTENT

We don't have to tell you that the Blumenthal Jewish Home is a caring institution. We don't have to tell you that the Blumenthal Jewish Home is one of the finest institutions of its kind in the State or Region. We **need** to tell you that we **need** your help if we are to meet the challenges of the future.

Today, the Blumenthal Jewish Home provides indigent care to approximately 50% of our residents. As the baby boomers grow older, there will be more pressure on the Home to provide more indigent care. We receive financial assistance from the Federations, but it is not enough.

We are asking you to help. Put the Blumenthal Jewish Home in your will. Please complete the Declaration of Intent.

Declaration Of Intent

- ☐ I have already provided for the Blumenthal Jewish Home in my will or trust.
- ☐ I intend to include the Blumenthal Jewish Home in my will or trust.
- ☐ You may use my name to encourage others to sign a Declaration of Intent.
- ☐ Please call me.

Name — Signature	Date
Name (Please Print)	Telephone Number
Address	

Please mark personal and confidential and mail to:
 Bruce Schlosberg, Director of Development
 Blumenthal Jewish Home
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Lag b'Omer 5753

May 9, 1993

Lag b'Omer Celebrations at Mt. Meron

by Simon Griver

(WZPS) The origins of Lag b'Omer, the 33rd day of the Omer, have been lost in the mist of history, but the festival has long been associated with the end of the plague which killed many of Rabbi Akiva's students in the 1st century CE, and the Jews' brief triumph over the Romans in the Bar Kochba revolt. Talmudic sages have also suggested that it was on Lag b'Omer that *manna* first fell from heaven to feed the Jews wandering in the wilderness after the Exodus from Egypt. But in modern Israel, the central event has unquestionably become the pilgrimage to the grave of the reputed Kabbalist Shimon Bar Yochai, who authored the Zohar and is said to have died on Lag b'Omer.

Many of those who visit the Upper Galilee town of Meron on Lag b'Omer, come for the fun and falafel stalls. Others come for the splendid view of the Hula Valley, Lake Kinneret and snow capped Mount Hermon. But the traditional Mount Meron celebrations are what really draw the crowds.

For the past 160 years, a procession headed by a sage carrying a Torah scroll has left the home of the prominent Sephardi Abu family in Safed and wound its way up to the tomb of Shimon Bar Yochai. Politicians, leading government ministers, members of minority communities—Moslems, Christian Arabs, Druse, Circassians—and, occasionally, even foreign ambassadors, join the crowd.

Although the participation of non-Jews was vigorously condemned several years ago by the Sephardi Chief Rabbi of Safed, the Abu family strongly protested, insisting that local non-Jewish villagers have always celebrated alongside their Jewish neighbors.

En route to the grave site, and especially near the grave itself, many

three-year-old Hasidic youngsters can be seen having their traditional first haircut. The locks are then thrown onto a bonfire, a custom undoubtedly originating from a magical pagan rite. Though not exclusive to Mount Meron (the ceremony takes place throughout Israel, especially in the ultra-Orthodox neighborhoods of Jerusalem and Bnai Brak) this 16th century custom has come to be associated with Lag b'Omer in Meron. On this day the great Kabbalist Isaac Luria brought his small son to Mount Meron, cut his hair, then spent the day feasting and celebrating with his family.

But the bonfire is the main symbol of Lag b'Omer. The Jewish tradition of lighting fires to signal the beginning of a new month was forbidden by the Romans in order to discourage them from observing their religious laws and becoming unified as a nation. But following the Bar Kochba revolt, the fire lighting was renewed.

Many modern-day pilgrims camp overnight on Mount Meron—and elsewhere—lighting bonfires, dancing, singing, eating and reflecting on the day's festivities.

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Shavuot: The Book of Ruth, One of Five Scrolls

by Dr. David Geffen

"Entreat me not to leave thee and to return from following after thee: for whither thou goest, I will go; where thou lodgest, I will lodge. Thy people shall be my people and thy God, my God."

These immortal words spoken by Ruth to her mother-in-law Naomi reveal in full measure the essence of her faith. They demonstrate much more—Ruth's everlasting link to her eternal people. A woman of conviction, she committed herself to the Jewish people for she wanted it to be her own.

The Scroll of Ruth, read on Shavuot, The Feast of Weeks, is one of the five scrolls found in the *Ketuvim*, the Sacred Writings section of the Bible. The other four are Ecclesiastes, read on Succot, the Feast of Tabernacles; the Song of Songs, read on Passover; Lamentations, read on Tishah b'Av; and the best known of the five, Esther, read on Purim.

The story of Ruth is intriguing. The characters each play a significant role even when their actual presence in the tale may be brief. This is Biblical drama in its most interesting form, and the story has produced literary spinoffs throughout the centuries. In fact, a musical based on the Book of Ruth and entitled "Your People is Mine" ran in Jerusalem. Furthermore, as we reread the story of Ruth each year, we learn about social and cultural aspects of the ancient society which produced her.



Harvest photo by Jewish National Fund.

The story is a straightforward one. Times are bad in ancient Israel. The father Elimelech and his wife Naomi, in spite of the husband's property holdings, believe that the best step to take is to leave the country in order to avoid the famine. Once out of sight of their homeland and now settled in Moab, the family begins the 'assimilation process.' The two sons Machlon and Kilyon 'marry out,' choosing Orpah and Ruth, two 'local girls.' The unions are shortlived since both sons die. This is soon followed by the father's death. Naomi is left to ponder her fate with her two Moabite

daughters-in-law. Neither one wants to leave her, but she is forceful, urging them to go out on their own for she has nothing more that she can offer them. Let her, Naomi, return to her homeland bereft, but at least she will go home. Orpah takes the advice, but Ruth is adamant and speaks the famous lines quoted above.

The two widows make their way back to Israel and are mocked by the local folk who recall that Naomi and her family ran when the going got tough. Now she returns a broken woman with a Moabite daughter-in-law. Ruth is not daunted.

A hard worker, she goes out to glean in the fields. Here the 'social welfare' aspect of the Jewish agricultural laws comes into play, since portions were, by edict of the Torah, left ungleaned for the widows, the orphans and the poor. Ruth, in addition, benefits from the kindness of Boaz, a distant relative of her late father-in-law. Romance enters this tale and Boaz chooses Ruth to be his wife. However, there are technicalities relating to marrying the widow of a family which had once owned property.

The tale ends well, since Boaz and Ruth live happily ever after and one of their descendants is none other than King David, one of the outstanding figures in our Biblical history.

While the Book of Ruth is beautifully written and tells a fascinating story, there are other implications in its text. One deals with the act of choosing Judaism: no one ever suggested that it was easy to be a Jew, but neither did anyone ever feel that those who sincerely wanted to be a Jew should be completely turned away. Through the ages, in fact, Judaism has been enriched by those who wanted to link themselves with the destiny of *Am Yisrael*, the Jewish people. Ruth, as the prototype of such an individual, conveys to us the depth of feeling of a woman of valor who has chosen her destiny. According to the scroll, Ruth binds herself tightly with the Jews of her community. In a sense, however, through her act of faith she has bonded herself as a unique woman who became one of us to all of us.

Tradition in the Kitchen

Just like blintzes, only easier. Everyone loves them for breakfast, brunch, or lunch. Make them ahead, freeze them, and then bake them 15 minutes before serving.

Blini

16 slices very thin white bread
1 lb. part-skim milk ricotta cheese
4 tsp. sugar
Sugar substitute to equal 4 tsp. sugar
1 egg yolk
1/4 cup diet margarine, melted
2 Tbsp. sugar
1/4 tsp. cinnamon

Remove crusts from bread and roll bread as flat as possible with a rolling pin. Mix cheese with sugar, sugar substitute and egg yolk. Spread mixture evenly on slices of bread and roll up like jelly rolls.

Brush the blini rolls with melted margarine. Mix the sugar and cinnamon together and roll the blini in the mixture. Place on a cookie sheet and freeze until ready to use.

Bake frozen at 350° for 15 minutes. Serve hot. Makes 16; 107 calories each.

From Jewish Cooking Made Slim, The Chosen Cookbook Series Triad Publishing Co.

Baked Cheese Blintz

1 stick butter or margarine, melted
1/2 cup sugar
2 eggs
1-1/4 cups flour
1 tsp. baking powder
1/2 tsp. salt
3/4 cup milk

Filling:

1 lb. ricotta cheese
1 egg
2 tsp. melted butter or margarine
2 Tbsp. sugar, or to taste
Cinnamon to taste

Food Processor

1. Preheat oven to 350°.
2. Insert metal blade and process the butter and sugar until fluffy. Add eggs, flour, salt, milk and baking powder; process until smooth, about 15 seconds. Pour into a 1-quart measuring cup. Do not wash work bowl.
3. Place filling ingredients in work bowl and process until smooth. Pour half the batter from the measuring cup into a greased 9x9" pan. Spread with the filling and cover with remaining batter. Bake 1 hour. Cut into squares.

Conventional

In step 2, use a blender or mixer to beat butter, sugar and eggs until smooth. Add flour, salt, milk and baking powder and combine well. In step 3, beat filling ingredients with a

mixer or whisk until very smooth. Continue with step 3.

From Quick & Easy, The Chosen Cookbook Series Triad Publishing Co.

Recipes from *The Classic Cuisine of the Italian Jews II*

Melanzane E Riso Rice with Eggplant

1 lb. eggplant
1 large clove garlic, minced
5 Tbsp. olive oil
1-1/2 tsp. salt
2 dashes ground black pepper
1 Tbsp. shredded basil leaves
1-1/2 cups rice
3 cups hot water

Trim eggplant and peel only if you are not sure of its freshness. Dice and place in a 2-quart saucepan with garlic, oil, salt, pepper and basil. Cook for 5 minutes over moderately high heat, stirring frequently. Add rice and saute, stirring, 5 minutes. Add hot water, lower heat, and cook, covered and without stirring, another 10 minutes. Taste for salt and correct if necessary; stir and cook just until rice is *al dente*. Serves 4 to 6.

Brodo di Pesce Fish Broth

For this tasty soup all you need is the heads and bones of any fine fish such as striped bass or red snapper. You can save these scraps in your freezer each time you have some fish filleted for you, or obtain them simply by asking the people at a fish store to save them for you. Generally the bones, the scraps and the heads are thrown away, but if you tell the person who serves you that you are willing to pay, he will remember to save some for you. Make sure that the heads are cleaned of the gills.

Olive oil
1 medium onion, chopped
1 6-inch celery stalk, chopped
1 medium carrot, peeled and sliced
1 large ripe tomato, cut up
1 tsp. salt
1/4 tsp. crushed red pepper
1 Tbsp. coarsely chopped Italian parsley
1/4 cup dry white wine
2 lbs. or more fish heads and bones
8 cups cold water
Bread croutons or 4 oz. fresh tagliolini (noodles)

Place 2 Tbsp. oil, onion, celery and carrot in a 4-quart pot and saute, stirring occasionally, 2 minutes. Add tomato, salt, pepper and parsley and cook 5 minutes over moderately high heat, stirring occasionally. Add wine and raise the heat to let the alcohol evaporate. Add fish scraps and water and simmer, covered, 30 to 45 minutes.

Strain and discard fish scraps and vegetables. Serve with fried bread croutons or with tagliolini (noodles) cooked in it. Serves 6.

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Jerusalem Reunification Celebration

by Lester Pollack

Chairman, Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations

Thousands of Jews representing diaspora communities around the world will gather in Jerusalem May 16-20 to commemorate the reunification of Jerusalem. Dramatic ceremonies at the Western Wall will mark the conclusion of a year-long 25th anniversary observance of the event. A highlight of the five-day celebration will be the display of a "Covenant of Jerusalem," signed by Israeli officials and Jews from many lands, denoting the ancient and continuing religious national identification of the Jewish people with the Holy City.

The observance and the covenant are a reaffirmation of the imperative that Jerusalem remain a unified city. Together, they are an expression of the deep historic and national ties that bind the Jewish people to their eternal capital. They represent a belief in the future of Israel and, by extension, in its efforts to achieve peace with its Arab neighbors.

But the events of May 16-20 cannot be divorced from the existential challenges that beset the Jewish state today. On the one hand, Israel is involved in a process in which its Arab negotiating partners have thus far refused to commit themselves to a course designed to attain full and peaceful coexistence. On the other, Israel is being targeted by unremitting Arab terrorist attacks against innocent civilians designed to sabotage the peace talks.

To Israel's credit, Prime Minister Rabin has pledged that Israel will continue to seek peace despite the outrages of the PLO and radical fundamentalists. He has also vowed that the pursuit, apprehension and punishment of terrorists will not be deterred by the peace process. He is determined that peace talks will not

be held hostage to violence or by those who employ violence.

For these reasons, the importance of the Prime Minister's Conference for Jerusalem May 16-20 goes beyond its significance as an anniversary celebration. It will demonstrate solidarity by world Jewry for Israel's goals of achieving peace and protecting the security of its people. And it will serve as a message of defiance from Jews everywhere to the Arab terrorists whose goal is not peace but the destruction of Israel.

The commemoration of Jerusalem's reunification is an opportunity for world Jewry to give tangible expression to its support for Israel. It is a chance to say *yes* to a secure peace for the Jewish state and *no* to terrorism.

Special travel packages are available to enable delegates to participate in the incredible experience of Jerusalem—the city that unites us—and to enjoy the history, beauty and pleasures of Israel. Visiting Israel is the strongest demonstration of our affinity with the Jewish state.

I urge those unable to join in the May festivities to express their solidarity with Jerusalem by participating in local ceremonies for the signing of the Jerusalem Covenant.

Jerusalem's Janusz Korczak Center Promotes Peace, Love and Coexistence

by Susan Solomon

(WZPS) The legacy of Janusz Korczak, doctor, teacher, writer and beloved caretaker of hundreds of Polish Jewish orphans in the Warsaw Ghetto, lives on in 20 countries around the world. In Israel, with tensions high between the Arabs and Israelis, his writings promoting peace, coexistence, and love of children have taken on added significance and continue to thrive through a unique Center for Promoting the Heritage of Janusz Korczak at the David Yellin Teacher's College in Jerusalem.

Legacy of Coexistence

Established in cooperation with the Swiss Janusz Korczak Association, the Center is piloting coexistence programs encouraging tolerance and coexistence between Israel's future Jewish and Arab teachers. "It was felt that if Korczak were alive today, the David Yellin Teachers College, with its emphasis on promoting Jewish-Arab coexistence, is the kind of place he would have chosen for his ideas to be studied," says Hadara Keich, Director of the Center.

Established three years ago, the



Children at a NA'AMAT Day Care Center in Beersheba, Israel.

Center works with students from the College's Arab Special Education Department. Special workshops bring Arab and Israeli students together in an educational environment to learn about their distinct histories, cultures and religion. Intercultural workshops, seminars and field trips to Jewish and Arab towns encourage understanding between the two groups, which is hoped will ultimately be reflected in their classrooms.

Says Mohammed Horani, chairman of the Arab Special Education Department, "The path to coexistence is a hard one. Hadara and I have been working for many years to change the attitudes of our students and have them accept one another. Each year there is much resistance from both sides."

Arab Jewish Dialogue

Nevertheless, Arab and Jewish students have begun to open up to each other and talk on a one-to-one basis. One Arab student from East Jerusalem admitted that before he participated in one of the workshops he had never sat in the same room with an Israeli Jewish student, nor was he familiar with Arabs from West Jerusalem. Now he is engaged to an Israeli Arab from Jerusalem whom he met in the course. "I hope that one day there will be true peace," he says, "and that in some small way I will play a part in bringing it to our land."

A Jewish student says she previously avoided the College's "Arab crowd," having no interest in getting to know them and admitted to fearing them. Through studying together and talking openly, she says that they have much in common and anticipates her role as an educator in promoting tolerance and coexistence among children.

As part of her third-year student-teaching project, Arab student Samira Alian chose to convey a better understanding of Islam to Israeli schoolchildren in the comfortable Jerusalem suburb of Beit Hakerem, where the Center is located. On her first day in a fifth grade class, she asked the pupils what they thought about Arabs. The overwhelming response was "murderers." Over a

three-week period, using slides, pictures, postcards, games and dittos depicting Islamic and Judaic culture, the children began learning the unfamiliar by comparing it to the familiar: a model of a temple stood next to that of a mosque, the Jewish star next to the crescent of Islam, etc.

At the end of three weeks, Alian gave the children a questionnaire to evaluate her project. "The reaction of the children was both surprising and gratifying," says Alian. "They were all willing to accept Arab students in their class, much as they would accept a Russian or Ethiopian newcomer."

Children of the Ghetto

The Center does not deal solely with Arab-Jewish understanding, however. Second-year Israeli student Granit Almog researched and organized material for a Holocaust Memorial Day exhibition on Janusz Korczak and the children of the Warsaw Ghetto. A lack of original material prompted her to travel to the Holocaust Museum at Kibbutz Lochamei HaGhettaot, whose founding members are survivors of the Warsaw Ghetto. "I started to interview people and found myself being drawn deeper into the project," she says.

At the Kibbutz Almog hit upon a treasure—a number of works by Korczak, some unpublished, which had been hidden by a Polish Christian woman during WWII and which recently arrived in Israel.

"Two Coffins," tells two previously unknown tales of two children, aged three and 15, who died in the Holocaust. At a very emotional Holocaust Memorial Day ceremony at the College, Almog read one of them aloud and the tears flowed silently down the faces of the audience.

Both Alian and Almog received awards for their work and were sent to France and Switzerland to visit other Korczak educational institutions, meet with educators and participate in an international Korczak conference.

For two weeks, the women travelled together, representing Israel and the reality of coexistence on a day-to-day basis. Korczak would have looked upon their and the Center's accomplishments with pride.

From St. Petersburg to Jerusalem—on Wheels

by Elana Shap

(WZPS) Once the decision has been made and the papers processed, a new immigrant from Russia can, after a smooth, direct flight of no more than five hours, find himself bidding farewell to the Aeroflot flight attendant and saying Shalom to his new home in Israel. Alexander Papir and family did it differently.

With his wife and two young children following in their sturdy Soviet-made Niva jeep, Papir travelled the long mountainous route from St. Petersburg to Jerusalem by bicycle. Loaded only with emotional baggage, their aim was to visit Jewish communities in nine countries en route and learn what they could about Jewish life there. "Unlike my five cycling companions, my family and I left Russia not knowing what effect the experience would have on our future: Would we return or would Jerusalem be our new home?"



Five of the six St. Petersburg cyclists enjoy a relaxing ride through Tel Aviv. Photos by Aryeh Kanfer.

Two months and 2,000 kilometers later, Alexander, Valentina, Ghenia (11) and Gleb (8) finally made it to Jerusalem—to stay.

Full of anecdotes and impressions of their adventure, the bearded, energetic, 46-year-old Papir, owner of a flourishing construction business in Russia, tells why they made the trip. "I felt an increasing need for first-hand knowledge of my Jewish roots. Neither my parents nor grandparents identified with Judaism or any aspect of Jewish tradition. I wanted my sons to have the educational experience."

In mid-September the group was given a rousing send-off at the imposing St. Petersburg synagogue by a

crowd of well-wishers and Maccabi World Union (an international Jewish sports organization) representatives, who, together with the American Joint Distribution Committee, helped organize the bicycle tour. "Even after a solemn trumpet solo marked the start of the journey, none of us quite believed we were really leaving for Jerusalem," says Papir.

"Our first stop was the war memorial in the town of Pushkin, just 20 kilometers from St. Petersburg." His voice wavers, "The inscription on the small monument read, 'In memory of 100,000 Soviet citizens shot by the Nazis.' We all knew the citizens referred to were Jews. Ghenia and Gleb laid flowers on the memorial."

The Holocaust, an issue always suppressed by the Soviet regime, became a "horrifying, inescapable reality" throughout the journey. In Vilnius they were taken on a tour of the Holocaust Museum and in Belz, Moldavia, a small group of elderly religious Jews welcomed the group with bread and salt, a traditional greeting for visitors—the only living proof of the decimation of a once thriving Hasidic community.

Present day anti-Semitism confronted them in the form of defaced tombstones in the large Western Ukrainian cemetery of Satnov, dating back to the 17th century.

Uplifting experiences were found in Rumania, where the group arrived at Bucharest's central synagogue in time to attend Yom Kippur services led by the city's Chief Rabbi.

And what of the future in Rumania? Papir's impression was that everyone they met was literally "sitting on their suitcases—getting ready to leave for Israel." In Bulgaria, however, community members emphasized the lack of anti-Semitism and their increasing affluence as justification for staying.

Their first encounter with Sephardi Jews was in the picturesque town of Larissa in northern Greece. "After seeing so many remnants of the past we were touched by the vibrant present the community is experiencing through its youth in Larissa's own Jewish school," says Papir. 11-year-old Ghenia most enjoyed "playing

tennis with the children."

After two months of cycling some 100 kilometers a day, the group arrived in Israel. The ferry from Greece docked at Haifa and they began the last strenuous leg of their journey up the Judean hills to Jerusalem. "Words cannot begin to describe the emotion I felt on arriving at the Western Wall or of the following day's ride down to the Dead Sea and Massada," says Papir. "I just felt that I had come home."

One month later, while the rest of the group was making bookings for the plane back to Russia, the Papir family was well on its way to creating a new life in Israel. Their days are busily filled with flat hunting, Hebrew Ulpan classes, and thinking about future employment for Valentina, an optical engineer, and for Alexander himself.

"But it's all worth it. We now understand more of who we are and why we are here. Do you know Ghenia even asked me the other day if I could buy him a Magen David," he says proudly.

The Israeli Sports Challenge: An Adventure in Israel This Summer

Exciting news for young Jewish athletes! The Israeli Sports Challenge, under the sponsorship of the YM-YWHA of Bergen County (N.J.), a member agency of the Jewish Community Centers Association of North America, is now accepting applications from girls and boys, 15-17 years of age, to take part in a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

Those selected will spend six weeks in Israel this summer (June 30 through Aug. 11), concentrating on the sport of their choice—basketball, tennis, swimming or soccer (boys only). The program includes training, participating in competitions, and experiencing the land of Israel firsthand through living with Israeli families and touring the country.

The athletes will be accompanied by top North American coaches. They will be matched with Israeli athletes and international-level Israeli coaches for two weeks of training and compe-

tition with top Israeli clubs in each sport.

A 10-day, 5-star Sports Camp at Israel's Olympic training site, the Wingate Institute, will highlight the stay. The North American participants will join selected Israeli athletes in an intensive program developed and presented by Israel's leading coaches. In addition, they will attend the opening ceremonies and key events of the Maccabiah.

Herb Levine, ISC Director, is Director of Health & Physical Education at the YM-YWHA of Bergen County, the U.S. sponsoring agency. For details, contact him at the YM-YWHA of Bergen County, 605 Pascack Road, Washington Township, N.J. 07675, or call 1-800-5-ISRAEL.

EL AL Flies to Maccabiah

EL AL Israel Airlines is the official airline of the 14th World Maccabiah Games—the third largest athletic competition in the world. The Games, which will be held throughout Israel, begin on July 5 with a spectacular opening ceremony and end on July 15.

The Maccabiah Games are an Olympic-style international competition that involve Jewish athletes—ranging in age from 14 to 70 plus years—from more than 43 countries. Henry Winkler, the well-known actor/producer/director, is the U.S. Maccabiah Team honorary chairman. The United States will participate in both the men's and women's competitions in 30 sporting activities. And, for the first time, the U.S. teams will compete in women's field hockey and the triathlon for women and men. Also, for the first time, the physically challenged will participate in swimming, tennis and weight lifting competitions.

650 athletes and coaches from the various U.S. sports teams will fly to Israel via EL AL Israel Airlines. Anyone interested in observing the "Maccabiah Experience" can call the official travel agent, Gil Travel in Philadelphia at (800) 223-3855 or (215) 568-6655 to make travel arrangements.

Four Charlotte Residents Named to U.S. Maccabiah Team

Four Charlotte residents have been appointed to the 1993 United States Maccabiah team, according to Harry Swimmer (Charlotte), Maccabiah Executive Committee member. The athletes are **Ilana Kavadlo**, junior swim team member, **Stacey Schefflin**, open women's tennis team member, **Arthur Lavitt**, open men's golf team member, and **Reid Lerner**, junior tennis team member. The U.S. Maccabiah team, sponsored by the U.S. Committee Sports for Israel (USCSFI), is set to compete in the 14th World Maccabiah Games in Israel, July 5-15, 1993.

Swimmer, who has been involved with USCSFI for close to 12 years and currently serves as a regional vice president, said he is excited about the talent the Charlotte athletes will contribute to the U.S. team.

"I am really pleased to have such fine athletes represent our area (Charlotte) at the upcoming Games," he said. "They bring tremendous athletic skills and experience to the U.S. team and I know they will do us proud."

Although only four months into 1993, **Ilana Kavadlo** has already made a splash in swimming competition. The ninth grade middle school student, who qualified for the Junior Nationals in the 100 meter and 100

yard breaststroke, won a 100 yard breaststroke championship for the East Mecklenburg High School. A North Carolina All-Star swimmer in both 1991 and 1992, Kavadlo has been a member of the North Carolina select swim team in 1989, 1991, 1992 and 1993.

In girls age 13-14 competition, Kavadlo was a state champion in the 100 yard breaststroke and freestyle and a member of the 800 yard freestyle relay team which set a new state record. Kavadlo, who has trained at the Mecklenburg Aquatic Club since 1987, was chosen for the U.S. swimming select training camp in Colorado Springs in 1992. She also fared well at the 1992 JCC's North American Maccabi Youth Games, winning three gold and two silver medals.

Stacey Schefflin played on the professional tennis circuit for almost three years (1990-92), playing in four Grand Slam tournaments; Wimbledon, the U.S. Open, the French Open and the Australian Open, where she advanced to the third round in 1991. She earned a professional ranking of 165 and achieved great success in USTA \$25,000 Challenger tournaments, winning a singles (1990) and doubles (1991) title and reaching the finals at another tournament during 1990 and 1991. In addition, Schefflin

played World Team Tennis.

Schefflin, three-time NCAA All-American at the University of Georgia, was an NCAA Doubles semi-finalist and NCAA Senior Player of the Year in 1990. An All-Southeastern Conference selection from 1987-90, she also achieved Academic All-Southeastern Conference status in 1989 and 1990. At the last Maccabiah Games in 1989 she won two bronze medals for the United States in singles and mixed doubles play.

Arthur Lavitt, a member of the Carolina Gold and Country Club, is one of six men to qualify for the golf team. After 54 holes of intense play



Arthur Lavitt



Ilana Kavadlo



Stacey Schefflin



Reid Lerner

and fierce weather conditions at the July 1992 tryouts at Miami's Doral Resort and Country Club, he shot 230 on Doral's famous "Blue Monster" course to finish in the top six. Lavitt earned a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of North Carolina in 1984.

Reid Lerner, a sophomore at the Charlotte Latin School, was the recipient of the varsity tennis team's Coaches Award in 1992. He was a participant of the 1992 USTA (United

States Tennis Association) Charlotte Area Training Center and a member of the junior tennis team at the 1991 Pan American Maccabi Games in Uruguay. Lerner's hard work and tournament play earned him a 6th ranking in the state and 14th ranking in the south in boys age 14 rankings in 1991. Previously, in boys 14 rankings, he was ranked 6th in the state, 19th in southern rankings and 128th in the nation in 1990.

The quadrennial Maccabiah Games

bring Jewish athletes from around the world together for the Olympic-sanctioned and -style competition. The U.S. will participate in 29 sports ranging from badminton to yachting. The 650-member U.S. delegation is expected to join over 5,000 Jewish athletes from more than 43 countries for the two-week competition.

For more information, contact the U.S. Committee Sports For Israel at 1926 Arch St., 3rd Floor, Philadelphia, Pa. 19103 or call (215) 561-6900.

National & World News

AJ Committee Report Examines Israeli-Jewish Identity in the American-Jewish Community

How are Israelis living in America viewed by the American Jewish community? By Israelis? How do they see American Jews? How do they see themselves?

A new American Jewish Committee research report—"The Israeli Corner of the American Jewish Community"—replaces the myths concerning Israelis in America with the actual demographic and sociological realities, and sets forth a program agenda that would benefit Israelis as well as the American-Jewish community. The 25-page publication, written by Dr. Sherry Rosen, a research associate in AJC's Jewish Communal Affairs Department, is the third in a series of policy papers written for AJC's Institute on American Jewish-Israeli Relations.

The number of Israeli Jews who emigrate to the United States has climbed, with conservative estimates beginning at around 100,000.

Prior to 1985, the official Israeli attitude was an "ideology of anger" that viewed Israelis abroad as cowards or traitors to the Zionist enterprise.

One of the major gaps between Israeli immigrants and American-born Jews is the conflict between "Israeli-

ness" and "Jewishness," which can be seen in the reluctance on the part of many Israelis to live as their American-born counterparts do.

Moreover, Israeli parents are unique among immigrants in feeling guilty that they have come to America *in spite of* the best interests of their children. Many of them believe it is better for a child to be in Israel than in America, and they diligently go about transmitting "Israeli identity" to the next generation. "Many speak only or primarily Hebrew to their children, enroll them in Israeli scout troops or Israeli-oriented supplemental schools, and send them 'home' as frequently as possible for reinforcement of language and extended family bonds."

Supplemental schools that teach "Israeli identity" have been established; increased numbers of Israeli parents also send their children to "American Jewish" day schools and afternoon schools.

But for individuals of all ages, Dr. Rosen notes, "the public face of the Israeli-American presence emphasizes 'Israeliness' more than 'Jewishness.' This impression is reinforced by the existence of barely visible but 'institutionally complete' communities across North America which allow many Israelis to function almost entirely without a Hebrew-Israeli cultural, social and linguistic framework. . . Given this reality, it is small wonder that, for many if not most Israelis of the immigrant generation, the goal of establishing a connection with American Jews, much less with

the organized Jewish community, is of very low priority."

Dr. Rosen concludes: "American-born Jews need Israelis to help open our eyes to the beauty of the Hebrew language and its ancient and modern literature, and to remind us of the original vibrancy of our national festivals. Israeli Jews need to learn from the Americans how to develop a valuable and satisfying community life and how to retain the richness of our religious heritage that nourishes even when reworked into contemporary modes and experiences. By pushing beyond the stereotypes, we can work together to give all of our children a truly enduring heritage."

On a communal level, the presence of Israelis in American society evokes fundamental concerns as to the success of the Zionist vision. Does Israel in fact represent the fulfillment of Jewish dreams if its native-born citizens can be found in large numbers on the streets of New York and Los Angeles?

"The reactions of Israelis in America themselves have also been quite diverse. Some, indeed, have removed themselves from the Jewish community and deny any connection between Israeli and Jewish identities. Others, however, report that their stay in America has in effect taught them the importance of leading a Jewish life.

For a copy of "The Israeli Corner of the American Jewish Community," write to Janice Hyman - Wolpo, American Jewish Committee, 165 East 56th St., New York, N.Y. 10022.

Reunion of Residents of Jewish DP Camps in West Berlin, 1946-1948

After World War II, West Berlin was one of the safe havens for the remnant of the Jewish people escaping to the West from behind the Iron Curtain. West Berlin was the site of Displaced Persons Camps for Jews established by the three allied powers. Thousands of Jews went through those camps in transit to other destinations and thousands lived in them up to two years. Those camps marked a period of return to community life. They remain an important epoch in the lives of the survivors who sojourned there.

The first reunion of the three Jewish displaced persons camps in West Berlin in 1946-48 will be held the weekend of **May 14-16, 1993** at the **Continental Inn in Lancaster, Pa.** The camps were Schlachtensee, Tempelhof (Mariendorf) and the French Sector.

For information, write to Continental Inn, c/o Michael Gleiberman, 2285 Lincoln Highway East, Lancaster, Pa. 17602, Fax (717) 283-8512, or phone Lucy Breitbart, (908) 549-7653; Ruth Koren, (718) 658-6245.

Hilberg Speaks on Warsaw Ghetto and Eastern Europe by Estelle Hoffman

On Saturday evening, April 10, Raul Hilberg, author of *Perpetrators, Victims, Bystanders* (Reviewed in the April issue of *Times Outlook*), spoke at Temple Israel in Charlotte, N.C. about the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising in 1943. Acclaimed as the foremost authority on the Holocaust, Hilberg has done extensive research in Europe, and in the recently opened archives of the former Soviet Union. He is meticulous in his reporting.

His lecture was a sad, detailed account of the fate of the Jews of Poland and of Jews sent there from other Nazi occupied countries. He cited dates and even hours of the events that led to the final purge of Polish Jewry, by far the largest body of Jews in Europe before Hitler.

It seems that not mainly the Poles aided the Germans in the onslaught against the Jews in Poland. Hilberg reported that Latvians and Ukrainians in Poland were more helpful to the Nazis in carrying out "the final solution." While there was little sympathy amongst Poles for the plight of Jews who had lived with them for at least two centuries, Poles feared they might be next on the list to be purged.

In the final uprising of the remnant remaining in the ghetto after the transports, a trickle of help found its way to the fighters.

Now that Poland is free, Hilberg noted the courage of its new government in trying to change attitudes in its society. We have had various news releases to that effect, including the report that the Church in Poland is speaking out against anti-Semitism.

The reader may recall an article about a year ago in our publication about a group of Polish priests who spent weeks at Spertus College in Chicago, joined by John Pawlikowski of the divinity school of The University of Chicago, who works untiringly in interfaith and Catholic/Jewish Dialogue. Those priests returned to Poland to assist in educating Poles about Jews and in fighting anti-Semitism.

In Latvia, another nation freed in the dissolution of the Soviet Empire, the Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture is working to restore the Jewish community of Riga, where nearly 20,000 Jews live. A bulletin from that foundation claims that Riga now has a Jewish day school and kindergarten, Jewish music and art programs for



J.D.C.-sponsored Israel Folk Dance Festival in Moldova. Photo by Leonardo Aculov.

children and teenagers, Jewish community center, a Jewish hospital, summer camps and other institutions.

However, in a substantial article in *Midstream* in January this year, Leonid Gurevich wrote that he came to the United States, because he sees no future for himself (or one-half of the Latvian population) in Latvia.

He asserts that Jews are moving away "in a constant stream." The reason for his alarm is that Latvia, like other of the former Soviet states, has become extremely nationalistic, and has, in fact made it clear that those who are not completely Latvian are unwelcome. Included are Russians who went to Latvia when Russia adopted the country in 1940, descendants of those people, Ukrainians, and others who were imported to work during the period of Russianization.

In brief, the ominous announcement is, "Latvia for the Latvians."

The Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture is aided by the Jewish Communities in Scandinavia. The future warrants our attention.

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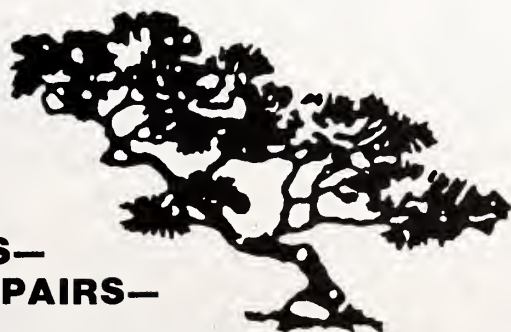
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Roaming the Past with David Schulman



Recently one of the readers of this column from Atlanta asked me if I ever thought of doing a piece on Southern families taking summer vacations in the fifties to a land filled with Jewish brethren, not Israel. . . Miami Beach. Of late many magazines have been featuring the art deco hotels of Miami's south beach. . . a Southern Soho of European and American jetsetters, they call it. No doubt there is and was something wonderfully special for Jewish people in Miami Beach.

The two day drive from North Carolina through the sweltering Georgia heat with two kids in the backseat must not have been fun for my parents. I can still feel the wetness of my shirt sticking to my back, but when we crossed the MacArthur Causeway onto Miami Beach I think the excitement was just as great as my kids now feel entering Disney's Magic Kingdom. The heat was smothering, but the streets were packed. Spending time at the Sagamore and Delido Hotels near the then glitzy shops of Lincoln Road was seductive. It was also a fairy tale land of spectacular restaurants from Wolfie's to Pumpernick's, from streudel and knishes passed out to hungry patrons standing in line at the Famous or Fan and Bill's to the endless variety at the Dubrow and Concord Cafeterias. I just knew we were near Heaven's kitchen. The late night dessert binges available at the Nosh-a-Rie Room of the Saxony Hotel were also a dream come true. If you came from New York or Chicago, I suppose these were not as unique, but coming from sometimes small North Carolina towns where the word, bagel, at that time, might have caused curious looks, going to Miami Beach was something many Southern Jewish families looked forward to all year long.

On Sunday mornings when most all the stores back home were still under Sunday Blue laws, we would drive down to the Washington Avenue area where Jewish stores could be found open, selling books and even *teffilin* bags. Then we would come back to the hotel and go to the beach. I don't see people these days talking to each other while in the ocean like my parents did then. They would just stand around and start conversations with other people, mostly Jewish. Some of those casual conversations turned into annual meetings of the same couples at the same spot in the ocean each year as well as seeing the locals that had seasonal cabanas. One time Dad met Jerry Lewis' father just *shmoozing* in the ocean, talking about everything and nothing.

My Aunt Fay Londner, now 94, and Uncle I.J., may he rest in peace, used to live in Hickory and Marion, N.C., and Orangeburg, S.C., but retired to Silver Spring, Md. They would come back South each year to run my parents' store while we were gone. That in itself became a family tradition. Dad always hoped his clerks would still be there when he came back, as his sister liked things done her way or else, but it was impossible not to love Aunt Fay. She would also put on massive sales while we were gone. Dad said she sold things below cost to show him she still had the "touch." Aunt Fay was a real legend in retailing, credited with not having a single stitch of clothing in her and Uncle I.J.'s stores on any Christmas Eve. Today they call it inventory turn. Aunt Fay just calls it "good business."

My mother and father would spend at least half of our vacation in Miami Beach trying to find just the right expensive gift for Aunt Fay who would take no money for running our store while we were away. I privately think Aunt Fay exchanged most of those

gifts at Woodys' and Hechts' when she got home, but we never came home empty handed.

For a pubescent boy, the sight of so many tanned bathing beauties wearing Stars of David around their necks in Miami Beach was quite a jolt. Sylva seemed at least a million miles away. The problem with that scenario was that the presence of so many pretty girls that were actually of the Jewish faith made me mute. One summer I spent almost the entire ten days maneuvering around the large pool just to get close enough to one of these Jewish maidens. I looked her straight in the eye and managed to say. . . "Hello." That was it, just hello.

My cousin, Arnold Schulman, is a major Hollywood screenplay writer who has done many movies: "Good-bye Columbus," "Chorus Line," "Tucker," and "Love with a Proper Stranger," to name a few. In the sixties his movie, "A Hole In The Head," made the screen. The plot was based on a small time Miami Beach hotel operator (my Uncle Hymie) played by Frank Sinatra and his son (Arnold) played by Eddie Hodges. By no stretch of the imagination could anyone say my Uncle Hymie in real life was a responsible person. I was told by locals when I owned a store in Franklin, N.C., that decades earlier when Hymie also had had a store there, Hymie was known to lock up his store for days to go to Atlanta just for a good corned beef sandwich. My grandfather, Hymie's father, moved to Coral Gables (which he called Clark Gables), but said he never saw Hymie. "If I was a dog or horse, I might see him," he said referring to Hymie's unofficial office at the race track.

Uncle Hymie may have been a rogue, but to me he was a guy that knew Ezzard Charles and all the other professional boxers who fought in Miami Beach. On the smoked glass cubicle he called an office in the Town House Hotel in Miami Beach above the Concord, there was a picture of a skinny kid in satin trunks with the name Kid Herman (for Hymie) embroidered on them. Dad

said the picture was a fake. We always waited till the last few days of our vacation in Miami Beach to call Hymie since Dad was always correctly afraid Hymie would ask him for money before we left. One Friday night Hymie took us to the fights. Uncle Hymie and I bet on all ten fights that night. He would let me change my choice on the last round so he was sure I would win. The prize was a pack of Juicy Fruit gum. I left the arena that night with ten giant packs. Dad told me not to take them. It might break Hymie, Dad said, and the result would cost Dad another couple hundred before we went home.

I have not been back to the "new" Miami Beach. Somehow I don't think even the European models on roller blades could replace the Miami Beach I knew. The Famous Restaurant is gone, so is the Nosh-a-Rie. I kind of figure Uncle Hymie must now be God's gaming supervisor and lottery commando in Heaven, but still sitting next to my word processor today as I type this, is a very old and treasured pack of Juicy Fruit gum.

DAVID SCHULMAN is interested in hearing your stories.

Please write or call him at the address below. He is particularly interested in simple anecdotes and stories about the Yiddish Theater, and the life of Jewish immigrants, particularly those that moved South. Please call (704) 254-9250 or write 3701 Timber Trail, Asheville, N.C. 28804.

Renewing an Old Partnership?

A renewed partnership between long-time allies has resulted in a call for religious leaders to gather in Washington, D.C., to bring our nation together in harmony and justice. Appearing together at the 93rd Rabbinical Assembly Convention in Los Angeles, Reverend Jesse Jackson, president and founder of the National Rainbow Coalition; and Rabbi Gerald Zelizer, president of the Rabbinical Assembly, representing 1400 Conser-

vative rabbis serving 1.5 million members, called on President Clinton to convene a conference of leadership to address the common mandate, "to do justly, to love mercy and to walk humbly with God." The 500 assembled rabbis greeted the proposed Washington meeting with a standing ovation and enthusiastic applause.

The Conference on Social Justice to arouse the religious conscience of the nation would have a dual purpose. First and foremost, participants would pledge to take concrete steps within their own religious communities to reduce all forms of prejudice, be they racism, anti-Semitism or ethnic antagonism, through the preaching and teaching of themes of mutual respect and common purpose, with special attention to the tensions among Jews, African Americans and other ethnic groups on college campuses. Additionally, working task forces would develop calls for action on social justice concerns which reach across religious boundaries. Specifically, voices will join on behalf

of Haitian refugees, and there will be a call for steps to reduce the climate of violence in our nation through renewed funding for the war on drugs and through attention to the alarming incidence of brutality among citizens and between citizens and law enforcement officers. Addressing these matters as a religious community will give tangible expression to the principles of prejudice reduction the Conference will affirm.

Rabbi Zelizer and Reverend Jackson took note of the long history of mutual support between African Americans and Jews. In noting the 30th anniversary of the march in Selma, Ala., in which Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Conservative Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel led civil rights activists, Rabbi Zelizer echoed Rabbi Heschel's words: to be deaf to the cry [for action] is to condemn ourselves. Reverend Jackson took note of the lesson of the alliance, that "we have the ability to look beyond the needs of our two communities and rise to issues larger than ourselves."



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Kibbitzing—Community News

Temples

Temple Beth El Charlotte, N.C.

by Lynne Cojac

May is a month of milestones in the lives of several congregants at Temple Beth El. The ceremonies of three marriages, three Bar/Bat Mitzvahs and Confirmation of the Class of 1993 embellish our calendar with life cycle events: May 1, Bar Mitzvah, Havdalah service, of Darren Scott Katz, son of Sharon and Donald Katz; May 15, Bar Mitzvah, Michael Yerys, son of Ann and Alan Yerys; May 23, Bat Mitzvah of Naomi Abel, daughter of Jane Abel and granddaughter of Isabelle Vatz and the late Harry Vatz of New Bern, N.C.

The weddings for the month are: May 15, Susan Herrin and Ken Davidson; May 16, Steven Kopnick and Caryn Skurow Garrett, daughter of Eveleen and Sheldon Skurow; May 23, wedding of Naomi Spitzer and Alan Moore. Naomi is the daughter of Lewis and Toby Spitzer.

The balance of our calendar for this month includes: May 2, Brunch for prospective members at 11 a.m. at the Temple. Peter Levinson, (704) 365-2047, will answer all inquiries about this function on behalf of Temple membership. That evening will be our big cash drawing fundraiser. A grand prize of \$5,000 cash will be awarded to the first place winner of our cash raffle. A limited number of 200 raffle tickets (at \$125 each) are being sold by the Temple Brotherhood. Dessert and beverages will be served. Cash prizes for 2nd and 3rd place winners will be awarded as well. Call the Temple office for further information.

On May 14, we will hold our Annual Teacher Appreciation Family Service. On May 15 at 9:30 a.m., there will be

our Tot Shabbat for the month.

The Sisterhood Installation Dinner will be held on May 19 at the Temple. Call the Temple office for more details.

The Confirmation of the 10th Graders in our Religious School will take place at 7 p.m. on May 25. Please join us for this very special service. The Shavuot Yizkor Service will be held at 6 p.m., May 26.

Temple Israel Charlotte, N.C.

We have exciting news for you! We're planning a "Retreat Week" (for youths and adults) scheduled for June 13 through 18 at Temple Israel and Shalom Park. Make Hebrew fun for the entire family! Start planning NOW to attend in June.

The Adult segment, directed by Rabbi White, consists of six evenings of "Ulpan" intensive Hebrew study with skilled instructors. This study will be aimed toward improving reading comprehension and speaking skills.

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Beth Israel Synagogue Asheville, N.C.

by Lillian R. Wellisch

Some members of Beth Israel will be participating in a Training Institute for Lay Religious Leadership. United Synagogue has developed the IMUN Program, a summer seminar retreat designed to strengthen lay religious leadership. A select number of participants will join in an intensive program offering lectures, workshops, and practical exercises, which will enhance their Synagogue, religious, and leadership skills. It will be held at Camp Ramah in the Berkshires from Sunday, Aug. 8 to Monday, Aug. 16, 1993. The Program of Study will be I. The Synagogue Service; II. Torah Reading; III. Texts for Speaking; IV. Life Cycle Events and Holidays; V. Meeting Pastoral Needs; VI. Jewish Law and Practice; VII. Religious School; VIII. Conservative Movement Ideology and Resources.

Beth Israel and Beth Ha-Tephila will be joining together in unity and prayer at both places of worship in the next few months.

In our Nosh and Drosh series, Part 2 of "Prophetic Anger—Anger for the Sake of Heaven" was held at noon during March. Midrash classes were also held in March.

David Schulman's "Roaming the Past" column in the *American Jewish Times Outlook* is getting great response all over the South.

Bet Sefer News

On Tu b'Shevat, our Aleph Class (4 and 5 year olds) planted twenty white pine trees on the bank of the Synagogue. (This wonderful Mitzvah was facilitated by one of our new members, Leni Sitnick.)

Our first Winter Intensive Program ended with a fair, exhibiting our children's work. This was a pilot program. The faculty worked hard at organizing and has learned how to readapt this unique learning experience for next year. We commend

the entire faculty, as well as Elissa Brown, our consultant, on a job well done. This program was enhanced by the generous volunteer effort of our parents. Todah Rabah to all!

Our Junior Congregation experience has been discontinued for this year. We began this special service in November. To Geoff Brown, who led a child-friendly experience of Torah talk, plays, singing and prayer, and the children who attended each month, Todah Rabah.

Our Bet Kitah has a new teacher, Geri Solomon. Geri has taught preschool and primary grades. We are very fortunate Geri has agreed to take over this responsibility for the remainder of the year.

In Synagogue News, thank you to our volunteers, Reba Barton and Barbara Miller. We welcome our new members, Dr. Ellen Kochek and her son, Conrad.

Temple Beth ha-Tephila Asheville, N.C.

by Marjorie Schachter

The Saturday Friendship Circle

On March 6, the group continued its examination of "Liberal Judaism" by Eugene Borowitz, concentrating on the topic "Changes in Reform Judaism." The meeting took place, as usual, at the Karpen's; the morning's refreshments were supplied by Shirley and John Berdie.

The Sisterhood

Striving to fill the month to the brim with constructive activities, the Sisterhood held its annual rummage sale on March 7, 8 and 9, with even more success than the most optimistic estimates could have indicated. Lillian Beiber led the effort. Then, on the 15th, there was supposed to be a covered dish luncheon, at which Sarah Oram, director of Meals on Wheels, was scheduled to speak, but which was snowed out by the historic blizzard.

The Brotherhood

Cancelled because of the blizzard but slated for rescheduling, the Brotherhood brunch on March 14 was to have featured a talk by Mr. Yousef Ben-Omran, the president of

the Asheville Islamic Society. His topic was to have been "Toward Understanding Islam." From the notice in the Temple bulletin: "The Islamic Society is a calming influence in the Middle East, and through its chapters throughout the United States has helped combat racial and religious intolerance."

The Religious School

The Religious School Shabbat service on March 26, when the children sat on the floor of the *bima* listening to stories, was a delight. The whole evening was a heartwarming success.

A model Seder took place on April 4.

Purim's Middle Name: Fun!

That's what Rentar Ibbar says, anyhow. If the Rabbi can spell his name backwards, ouy nac oot. Anything that's silly was the right thing on March 7, starting at 11, when the Purim celebration began. The *Megillah* was read, the ABJ Young Judea clowns did their clowning, songs were sung, *graggers* were shaken and lots of *Hamantaschen* were gobbled up.

Mommy, Daddy and Me

Our talented and competent Rebbitzen Susan Ratner put her innovative Jewish Holiday program in high gear, with a combined discussion and playtime on March 7 before the Religious School Purim celebration. The discussion centered on "Parenting and Organizing Busy Lives." On March 14 a "Make a Haggadah Workshop" was scheduled, and the participants created "Touch and Feel"

Haggadahs for their own children. The month's activities concluded with a Tot Passover Seder on March 21, when the children had a chance to follow along in their own *Haggadahs*.

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The New Library

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Outreach Covered Dish Dinner

Held at the new home of Kerry and Anna Friedman, the dinner took place on March 1.

Rabbi R's Extramural Schedule

From the Temple Bulletin: "Among his activities in the community" during April "Rabbi Ratner met our new Russian Jewish families at the airport upon their arrival, gave invocations at a meeting of the Buncombe County Board of Commissioners and at the WNC Jewish Federation Campaign kickoff, spoke at Mars Hill College on 'Israel and the Middle East,' spoke to a youth group from St. Barnabas Catholic Church, an adult education class at Grace Fellowship Presbyterian Church, and the Asheville Optimist Club, and performed a *havdalah* and removal of the *mezuzah* service with Rabbi Shmuel Birnham at the JCC."

As part of the Jewish Chautauqua Society Lectureship held by Rabbi Ratner, a fifth lecture took place at Mars Hill College on March 9. The Rabbi spoke on "The Holocaust and Israel."

Sincere Thanks

The Congregation is most grateful to Leon Rocamora and Asheville Showcase for the generous gift of the many pieces needed to complete our dinnerware service.

Mazel Tov

...to Robert and Laura Hruska on the birth of their grandson, Eric David Jobe, born Jan. 12. His parents are Stephanie and Michael Jobe of Seattle.

...to Ruth Feldman, whose youngest grandchild, Sammy Backer of Charleston, S.C., is engaged to Jennifer Claytor. Sammy is the grandson of the late Dr. Leon Feldman.

...to Ginger Lerner, mother of Dean Lerner, who received his Master of Hospitality Management degree from the U. of Houston. He is cur-

rently the liaison between the Hilton Hotel Corp. and the U. of Houston. Dean is the son of the late Dr. Paul Lerner.

Welcome

Warm greetings to new members Harris and Laura Livingstain and their son Logan, and to Lester and Ethel Zakin.

Personals

Epstein School of Atlanta Honors Cheryl R. Finkel

Cheryl R. Finkel will be honored at the annual Epstein School Founders' Dinner in Atlanta on May 19 in appreciation for her ten years of outstanding direction as Head of School.

Mrs. Finkel is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herb Rubinstein of Asheville, N.C., where she attended school and served as a reporter for the *Asheville Citizen Times* in the "Teen High" department. She is married to Dr. Edward Finkel, a physicist at The Fernbank Science Center, and they have two children.

Mrs. Finkel earned the Master of Arts in Teaching from Harvard University where she trained as a Reading and Learning Disabilities Specialist. She did her undergraduate work at Brandeis University and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where she received an honors degree in English and her Phi Beta Kappa key.

Mrs. Finkel served as assistant principal at Manhattan Day School in New York City. Prior to that, she taught elementary school in North Reading, Mass. and at The Horace Mann School in New York City. From 1972-1975 she lived in Israel, studying Hebrew in Jerusalem, then teaching high school students in the American International School near Tel Aviv. Mrs. Finkel served as assistant director of the Atlanta Bureau of Jewish Education for five years before joining The Epstein School in 1983.

In July 1992, Mrs. Finkel was elected to a two-year term as the pres-



Cheryl R. Finkel

ident of the Solomon Schechter Day School Association's Principal's Council. This group is the professional organization for the network of 70 Conservative Jewish Day Schools serving over 15,000 children in the United States and Canada.

Mayor Vinroot of Charlotte Visits Israel

Mayor Richard Vinroot of Charlotte, N.C., was among a group of 23 mayors from around the world, including eleven from the U.S., who met in Jerusalem for the 13th annual Jerusalem Conference of Mayors. He reported on his trip at the Israel Independence Day Celebration at the JCC in Charlotte on April 25.

At the meeting, Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin told the mayors that Israel is ready to withdraw its forces on the Golan Heights to secure and recognized boundaries, when Israel knows what Syria is willing to offer in return.

The mayors pledged their support for a united Jerusalem.

The conference was co-sponsored by the American Jewish Congress. Participants signed a statement of tribute to Mayor Kollek's success in dealing with the problems he faces in Jerusalem, not unlike some they face in their cities. They also expressed their conviction that the leaders of Israel are committed to negotiations that will lead to a just and lasting peace between Israel and its neighbors.

Organizations

Southern Jewish Historical Society

The Southern Jewish Historical Society has scheduled its 18th annual conference for Friday, Nov. 5 through Sunday, Nov. 7 in Atlanta, Ga. For more information, call Beryl Weiner at (404) 956-9004, or write to him, P.O. Box 5024, Atlanta, Ga. 30302-5024.

Hadassah Vanguard Singles Mission To Israel, July 17-30

Hadassah's two-week Vanguard Mission to Israel provides Jewish singles with a meaningful connection not only to the land and people of Israel, but to each other. "Vanguard is Hadassah's outreach group for single men and women from 25 to 40," said Sharon Schneider, Hadassah Vanguard Chairman. "The Vanguard Mission attracts singles from all over the U.S. who are seeking a tour of Israel that's active and fun."

The itinerary (July 17 to July 30, 1993) includes one week in Jerusalem and one week in Tel Aviv, with visits to the Dead Sea, Kfar Giladi Kibbutz, and Mitzpeh Ramon Field School.

The rate includes round-trip airfare from New York to Tel Aviv, departure tax, hotel accommodations, service charges and portage, breakfast daily, some lunches and dinners, 10 full days of sightseeing plus all scheduled events. The price per person, double occupancy is \$2,765; single supplement is \$520.

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Translated from Hebrew by

Haim Watzman

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\$22

Reviewed by Abraham Warshenbrot

I have a good friend named Fouad. He is an Israeli Arab, one that did not flee Israel in 1948. Other members of his family did and some of them still live in refugee camps in Lebanon. Fouad speaks Hebrew fluently, and walks around with a huge "Chai" dangling from his neck. Most people mistake him for a Jew, which, of course, he is not. Fouad's sons were named Jamal and Talal at birth. Now they are called Jimmy and Tal (which is an original Hebrew name). I spent many days and hours with Fouad and his family. Never did I (or did any of our Jewish friends) ask how did they feel when they hear the national anthem "Hatikva" ("As long as in the heart a Jewish spirit yearns") or hearing on the news that "All our planes returned safely from bombing some targets in Lebanon."

This book is about Fouad and all the other Arab Israelis, approximately 18% of Israeli population. A minority looking for identity, for equality and for its place. A group forgotten by a world absorbed with the Palestinians of the West Bank and Gaza. In 1948, approximately 160,000 of them remained in their villages and in major cities in Israel. Most of them lived under military governance, where every move was controlled, authorized and recorded by the army. There was still a fear that they'd join or abet the enemy across the borders. As a result they were denied certain rights. The budgets allocated to their villages were meager (a situation that still exists). The "enemy" charge is still being used today, although recent

polls have shown that most of the Arabs want to live in Israel as part of Israeli society. The military rule was lifted in 1966, after a lengthy debate. Seven months later, the six day war erupted and they were "united" with the brethren across the borders. That's when they found how different they were from the others. Over the years they learned that their aspirations and those of the Palestinians of the West Bank and Gaza are different. Those feelings became stronger when the Intifadah started, culminating when the PLO abandoned their cause as part of its campaign. A Palestinian state, if ever established, will not want most of those Arabs.

Like every minority, they are full of frustrations. Israel is a Jewish state with an Arab minority the same way Canada has a French speaking minority, Spain has the Basque minority, or the USA has Black and Jewish minorities. In all of these situations the minority is expected to enjoy full and equal rights under the law. The Arabs were denied certain rights by the government and should regain those. The problem is with some of them asking for more. The law of return and the repatriation of Ethiopian and Russian Jews anger them when they see the budgets that are devoted to these causes compared with the budgets funneled to them. Then, they have the identity problem. Certain aspects of their life are integrated (a research shows 3000 Hebrew words integrated into their language). Their predicament: How do you fit in a Jewish state? Can we get more than just equal rights? Maybe we can get autonomy over our own affairs? "The Arabs have never been a minority anywhere, and expect much more than a minority can expect," observes Israeli author A. B. Yehoshua.

In a series of talks with Arabs and Israelis, Grossman has outlined a grave and convincing indictment on Israeli society and government for

their neglect of the minority. At the same time one questions (and Grossman refers to) the Arabs' self repression that made it easy for the Jews not to hear or see them, leading to Jewish self deception. Minorities in most countries have struggled and fought their way to the top of society. Jews and Japanese in the USA are one example and Palestinians in most Arab countries are another. Why did not the Israel Arab (literally, cousins of the same Palestinians) make the same advances?

Two of the most captivating chapters in this book are two dialogues, one between Mohammed, an Arab lawyer, and Jojo, a Jewish restaurant owner, and the other between Anton Shammas, a prominent Arab author, and A.B. Yehoshua, a prominent Israeli author. Reading those dialogues, I was reminded of the difference between a monologue and a dialogue as once defined by an Israeli comedian: "A monologue is one person talking to himself, a dialogue is when you have two people talking to themselves." That may have been the problem in all the talks between Israelis and Arabs in the last 45 years. Each side is listening to his own case, unwilling to admit the other's case.

Walking on a tightrope is difficult, sleeping on it is even harder. That's how Grossman sees the Israeli Arabs—trying to balance their act between the Israelis and their Arab brethren (mainly those known as the Palestinians). Making efforts not to offend either side and not to side too much with either—lest the other side will accuse him of betraying its cause, forgetting that the Israeli Arab has his own cause. One could not help making a comparison with discrimination against the Blacks in the USA 30 years ago.

The Arabs are not the only sleeper on the wire. Another sleeper is Israeli society. The Arab minority is a young minority (62% under the age of 20) that is learning from the Jewish ma-

jority and in many ways imitates it. It is freeing itself of old traditions and unless given its place and rights in society, it may turn to radicalism, like the fundamentalist movement.

Anton Shammas says bitterly, "Zionism's most serious mistake in 1948 was that it kept the Arabs who did not run away. . ." which is what the "transfer" movement in Israel is all about. Life may have been easier today but that option no longer exists. We can only hope that the ticking is from the alarm clock that will wake all concerned and not from the time bomb. If the problem explodes one day, the Intifadah may look like kid's play.

David Grossman, a Jewish resident of Jerusalem, is one of Israel's most important contemporary writers and a recipient of prestigious international awards. He is a journalist with Israeli radio and television. His previous books include: *See Under: Love, The Smile of the Lamb*, and *The Yellow Wind*.

Abraham Warshenbrot is an Israeli who lives in Charlotte, N.C., with his wife and two children.

Neve Shalom/Wahat Al-Salam Oasis of Peace
by Laurie Dolphin and Photographer Ben Dolphin
Scholastic Books 48 pp. \$14.95

Amid the constant struggle between Jews and Arabs in Israel, each wanting to call the tiny country their own, there is a community where Jews and Arabs live and work together—a peaceful microcosm within a war-torn society. Here, there is a cooperative school, the Neve Shalom/Wahat al-Salam (Oasis of Peace) School where Jewish and Arab children learn and grow together. Here, they will learn each other's language, customs, and religion and openly discuss their conditioned fear of each other in ratio-balanced classrooms.

In *Neve Shalom/Wahat Al-Salam*, author Laurie Dolphin and photographer Ben Dolphin introduce young readers to two ten year old boys: Shlomo Franklin, a Jewish Israeli and

Muhammad Jubar, an Arab Moslem Israeli. The full-color photo-essay follows both boys on their first day at the Neve Shalom/Wahat al-Salam school, each traveling far from his home and often through soldier-occupied territories to attend. Separated at first by language, the boys find common ground in some of the universal pleasures of childhood—a game of soccer, a music class, a love of horses. As Laurie Dolphin writes, "*In this 'oasis of peace,' it is understood that friendship and understanding are the grounds on which peace can grow. Slowly, at Neve Shalom/Wahat al-Salam, peace and friendship bloom.*"

Also included: informative background material on Israel including a brief history on the Jewish-Arab struggle, information on the topography of the country, a look at the many cultures and religions that make up "The Faces of Israel," and a glossary of words with a Hebrew/Arabic language comparison chart.

This book is recommended for children ages six to ten.

Laurie Dolphin is a book jacket designer and author of *Georgia to Georgia: Making Friends in the U.S.S.R.*, selected as the 1992 Book of the Year by the Child Study Children's Book Committee at Bank Street College. Ben Dolphin is a film director and cameraman who has earned an Emmy Award for photography direction. The couple has two sons and live in New York City.

Behind the Secret Window

by Nelly S. Toll

Dial Books, Penguin USA 176 pp.
\$17.00

Behind the Secret Window is a *Memoir of a Hidden Childhood During World War Two*, by Nelly Toll, who kept the journal that has become this book. She was hidden with her mother in a small bedroom of a gentile couple in Lwow, Poland.

During the thirteen months of hiding, the eight year old child also gave evidence of her fantasies of another happier world in a series of 64 watercolor paintings, 29 of which are reproduced in *Behind the Secret Window*. All of her artwork has been on exhibit throughout the world and will be displayed at Harvard University in May. Nelly Toll continues to paint.

She came to America in 1951, earned a master's degree in art and art history and education from Rutgers University, has taught both art and art history; she holds a master's degree in counseling from Glassboro College and another in art therapy from Hahnemann University. She works in both fields with young people.

Eight of her watercolors are on permanent display in the Yad Vashem Museum in Israel. She is co-author of a play based on her wartime experiences and author of *Without Surrender; Art of the Holocaust*, on whose subject she lectures frequently.

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Nelly Toll's journal ranks with that of Anne Frank as a record of a child's experience during Hitler's domination of most of Europe.

The Naming

by Margaret Greaves
Illustrated by Pauline Baynes
Harcourt Brace Jovanovich
Gulliver Books 32 pp. \$14.95

This is the story of how Adam named the animals, according to their attributes and characters.

It is more picture book than story, beautifully illustrated by Pauline Baynes, who was inspired by a 300 year old Rajput manuscript. Any small child will delight in pointing to and naming the animals she has depicted.

The author, Margaret Greaves, who, as well as the illustrator, is British, has been publishing children's books since 1964. Many of her books have appeared in the U.S.

The book is recommended for children who are three to seven years old, but it will appeal mostly to the very young.

Are You Considering Conversion to Judaism?

by Rabbi Alan Silverstein
The Rabbinical Assembly 23 pp.
\$2.50

The Rabbinical Assembly has issued a questions and answers pamphlet, "Are You Considering Conversion to Judaism?," for use by its 1400 Conservative rabbis. Authored by Rabbi Alan Silverstein of Congregation Agudath Israel, Caldwell, N.J., the 23-page essay draws upon the spiritual leader's own experiences with converts as well as the conclusions of the survey of 400 Jews By Choice reported in the volume *Jews By Choice: A Study of Converts to Reform and Conservative Judaism* by Rabbi Joseph Tabachnick and Dr. Brenda Foster.

Rabbi Silverstein's pamphlet deals with personal questions the prospective convert might pose to himself or herself when considering conversion. Such themes include: the relation-

ships with the family of the non-Jewish partner; the acceptance of converts into the ranks of traditional Judaism; the spiritual appeal of Judaism to Jews By Choice; the interest in exploring Judaism inspired by Jewish spouses, in-laws, friends, ancestry; the procedures involved in formal conversion, etc.

Rabbi Silverstein, who is also the international vice-president of The Rabbinical Assembly, states that, "after a period of study and involvement in observance suitable to the standards of the sponsoring rabbi, whether Reform, Conservative, Reconstructionist or Orthodox, the Jew By Choice is then welcomed into religious Jewish life." He notes that Conservative Judaism, the largest American Jewish movement with 1.5 million affiliated members, includes thousands of Converts, some of whom are Rabbis, Cantors, Jewish educators, congregational presidents and other leaders.

One question asks: "Will I have to forsake my Gentile family in order to become a Jewish person?" The response: "Jewish tradition places great emphasis upon the *mitzvah* (commandment) of honoring your father and mother." Judaism opposes cutting off ties with non-Jewish family members. Christian and unchurched relatives ought to be respectful of a Jewish convert's new religion as well."

Question: "Can you convert into Judaism if you are Black, Asian, Hispanic or of some other non-white ethnic or racial group?" Answer: "Judaism offers a religious life-style and fellowship which binds together Jews around the world of countless racial and ethnic groups. . . When someone of color converts into Judaism, they are fully accorded all honors and privileges."

This RA pamphlet is part of a series of publications confronting contemporary issues affecting religious life today. The Pamphlet Committee is chaired by Rabbi Bradley Artson, Mission Viejo, Cal., and this specific pamphlet was also assisted by Rabbi Avis Miller, Adas Israel, Washington, D.C., chairperson of the RA Keruv

(Outreach) Committee.

The pamphlet "Are You Considering Conversion to Judaism" costs \$2.50 each (\$2.00 when ordered in quantities of more than 10) and may be ordered from The Rabbinical Assembly, 3080 Broadway, New York, N.Y. 10027.

Audiocassettes

Hineni

by Sam Glaser
1992, Glasertoons, Inc.,
Los Angeles, Cal.
audiocassette, \$10

Highlights of the 1992 American Jewish Song Festival

1992, Jewish Music Commission,
Encino, Cal.
audiocassette, \$10

Both tapes may be ordered, postpaid from:
Sam Glaser, 8219 Redlands #9, Playa del Rey,
Cal. 90293.

Reviewed by Lenora Stein

Two new audiocassettes of contemporary, distinctly American Jewish music from a young California composer/performer, Sam Glaser, are noteworthy fresh arrivals.

Hineni, a collection of fourteen original easy rock and jazz songs by Sam Glaser based on traditional Jewish liturgy and texts, updates and makes relevant the timeless words and concepts for today's audience. The sound and beat will be familiar and appealing to young '90s adult Jewish listeners, while the message is a spiritual connection to Eretz Israel, to Shabbat, to the Holocaust, to Jewish history, to prayer, to Tanakh. The title cut, "Hineni," has a driving sound that echoes a personally meaningful refrain, "I'm here, God, and if I can help, let me be the one who is the first to say. . . 'Hineni.'" Other songs on the tape with pleasantly updated easy listening melodies are Glaser's "Y'varechecha" and "Tov L'hodot" rooted textually in the Psalms.

Sam Glaser was one of the featured new performers at last year's CAJE 17 Conference at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles.

He joins the ranks of other creative Los Angeles Jewish musicians like Doug Cotler, Craig Taubman and Cindy Paley who strive to create Jewish music spiritually relevant for our young people and our families. Sam Glaser formerly led the Los Angeles-based Yad B'Yad Youth Theatre Troupe. Most recently, he served as executive director of the Jewish Music Commission, the founding agency of the American Jewish Song Festival.

The second cassette, *Highlights of the 1992 American Jewish Song Festival*, held at Valley Beth Shalom Synagogue in Encino, Cal., on November 17, 1992, was produced and directed by Sam Glaser. This inaugural event, recorded live, selected 14 top songs from a pool of over 300 submitted by Jewish songwriters from 20 states, and presented new and unpublished Jewish songs in a wide category range.

Performed by an array of talented cantorial and other Los Angeles musical talents, the tape is a live performance interspersed with some perennial Jewish favorites, like "B'Shana Haba" and "Tumbalalaika." "Erev Shabbat," the \$1500 top prize winner of the competition, written by Lanny Meyers and Jerry Winston, is a hauntingly beautiful rhythmic exploration of the spirituality of Shabbat, performed by a female duet, using the almost dissonant Sephardic-sounding refrains of chimes, keyboard and percussion.

The other songs on the tape are a mix of text and Siddur-based contemporary Jewish music, spanning a somewhat less even range of accomplishment.

While this tape represents Sam Glaser's first foray as music festival producer, it marks the beginning of an annual competition. Announcement for the 1993 American Jewish Song Festival promises a continuation of this landmark event. The call for entries in this cash award competition goes out to composers, arrangers, song writers and musicians by the Jewish Music Commission of Los Angeles. Deadline for entries is May 21, 1993.

Both tapes are available on loan

from the CAJE Resource Center in Charlotte. Copies of the guidelines for entries in the American Jewish Song Festival are also available by calling or writing CAJE: (704) 366-5007, ext. 272 or send your request to CAJE, P.O. Box 13574, Charlotte, N.C. 28270. Order copies of the cassette directly from Sam Glaser.

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Mourning the Minyan

by Cynthia M. Chapman

The Zayde says:

"Master of the Universe,
how can it be-
the child
of my child
(whom I loved),
does not say
Kaddish?"

"We came to the
Golden Land,
hearts full
of hope
and memories
made of horror,
to find freedom."

Then the Bubbe says:

"But such a freedom,
such a price!
Ach, who wants
to be frum
in such a place?"

The Zayde:

"But not to make a minyan?
Not even ten to make
a little davening?
When I was young
I never dreamed
working late
in the business world
could cause such
a terrible thing.

Is it so much to ask,
a little time,
in this busy world,
to comfort one
whose grief
is still gnawing
where the heart aches?"

The Bubbe:

"You forgot already
what it is to be young!
It's old-fashioned,
they say,
let someone else
do it."
Maybe the modern ones
think to themselves
"A hurried-up prayer
in a shul
these days,
can it matter?"
Or "There is no world
to come
they say,
no G-d to listen
to the ancient
Aramaic."

Is it the voice
of G-d or our
grandparents
that now is speaking?
"It is quiet here,
Children,
too quiet,
what I miss
is the sound
of your voices
raised together,
in unison."

But the Kaddish
needs a minyan
to be prayed.

"The ancient letters
wait with me,
dancing like dust
motes in a sun-
slanted room,
Go ahead,
daven,
make them rise
like magic
to the throne
of the Divine.

Believe,
and act,
and it will
make a
difference."

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Editorial

Israel's Second War of Independence

by Elmer L. Winter

Chairman, Committee for Economic Growth of Israel

Since President Clinton has assured Israel's Prime Minister Rabin he would oppose any attempt to reduce military and economic assistance to Israel for 1993-94, some of Israel's friends are asking, "Why worry about foreign aid?"

But there's another question that troubles me even more. This one was raised by Senator Patrick Leahy of Vermont, chairman of the Senate sub-committee on foreign operations, when he asked: "With the cold war over, do we even need a bilateral foreign aid program any longer?"

Not long ago, Zalman Shoval, Israel's former ambassador to the United States, called on Israel to begin its own internal deliberations and say to Washington, "Yes, we are prepared for a phasing out of the civilian part of American foreign aid."

There are powerful pressures on Congress from the American electorate to reduce federal spending, to increase aid to the former Soviet Union and to hold down taxes. At the same time, there is no strong constituency in this country to support foreign aid. Eventually, then—and I would guess sooner rather than later—Israel will find it can no longer count on economic assistance from Washington.

Nor can it count on the American Jewish community to make up the difference. The \$1.2 billion Israel has been getting from the U.S. in economic aid is too vast a sum to be raised by American Jews, even if there were no problems of mounting local needs that Jewish federations are being increasingly called on to meet—thus diverting funds from Israel.

The hard truth is that Israel will have to make up the loss of economic aid by herself. That struggle may accurately be called Israel's second war of independence—the crucial battle for economic self-sufficiency.

Does Israel have the strength and skill to wage this kind of war?

Much of the answer lies in the successful conclusion of the peace process. If the peace talks crash, a panic in Israel's stock market could be created that would substantially lessen the interest of foreign companies in opening factories in Israel. But if the negotiations are successful, new markets will be

opened for Israel to satisfy the needs of 100 million Arabs. As a basic condition, of course, peace between Israel and her Arab neighbors must be accompanied by the abandonment, once and for all, of the Arab boycott of Israel. When that happens, new markets for Israeli products will be opened not only in Arab lands but also in Europe, the Far East and Australia.

From Foreign Aid to Foreign Investment

In its thrust for economic independence, the government of Israel recognizes that it must substantially increase foreign investments, that it must move further into a free market economy and that it must privatize a large portion of its industry—selling off its government-owned banks, for example—in whole or in part.

To further increase the number of foreign investors, the Israeli government must liberate its currency restrictions, reduce taxes, hold its inflation to less than 10 percent per annum and cut red tape even further.

The major weapon that Israel possesses in its war to become economically independent is the tremendous intellectual capacity of its highly-trained work force. Every day, more and more American companies are discovering the superb quality of its engineers and scientists, including top-notch immigrants from the former Soviet Union. More than 40 percent of the newcomers have university degrees, and nearly 25 percent are engineers. This gives Israel the highest per capita number of engineers in the world.

By joining Intel, Motorola, Microsoft, Vishay, Digital, IBM and 150 other U.S. companies that operate facilities in Israel, American companies will make an important difference in helping Israel win its economic war of independence. Despite the eventual cutback in U.S. governmental aid, Israel has the manpower, the infrastructure and the will to build an economy strong enough to be independent of outside assistance. That is why the negotiations with its Arab neighbors are so vital to Israel's future. A successful outcome will bring not only the benefits of peace but also the prospect of prosperity.

Elmer L. Winter of Milwaukee is the chairman of the Committee for Economic Growth of Israel and co-founder and long-time president of Manpower, Inc., the international temporary help agency.

From the Editor

From the Editor

I am happy to share my first edition as editor of *The American Jewish Times Outlook* magazine with you, and look forward to meeting with you on these pages monthly.

I have had the pleasure of spending the past month reading previous issues of *The American Jewish Times Outlook* dating from 1934 to the present. The one thing that is evident is that over time so many of our readers have given so much of their time in helping others! Each issue is filled with articles about communities across the Carolinas which have volunteers who give their support to helping others.

We have all experienced a special glow, a "high" that comes from helping someone else. Our reward is the inner feeling we have that lasts a lifetime. It is this 'giving' that I have read about in every issue. We at the *Times Outlook* pay tribute to all of the volunteers across the Carolinas who have given their time, their support and most of all a gift of themselves to others. Benjamin Franklin said, "*When I am employed in serving others, I do not look upon myself as conferring favors but paying debts.*" Hats off to you for all that you do!

I look forward to sharing informative news with you, and would welcome your comments and contributions.

Geri Zhiss

RUTH GOLDBERG

by Estelle Hoffman

Since 1986, Ruth Goldberg has been editor of the *American Jewish Times Outlook*, presiding over its finest years.

As she announced in our May issue, Ruth is retiring to begin a new phase in her life. Besides her previous careers of teaching and editing of the *Times Outlook*, Ruth has served the entire Jewish community in more ways than can be acknowledged. No responsibility was too great for her to

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The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum adjoins the National Mall in Washington, DC.

accept, no challenge was beyond her ability, nor any task too humble for her to tackle.

Because of her many years in Charlotte and her deep involvement in our organizational activities, her management of this publication was intimate. She is acquainted with almost everyone and always aware of events. Furthermore, she is well posted on national and international affairs, and her sincere interest in Judaism and knowledge thereof are unquestioned.

One of Ruth's most laudable virtues is efficiency, which has enabled us to maintain the highest standards we both set for the *Times Outlook*. Trivial though it may seem, no time was spared in checking a word's spelling or the use of a comma, and when an error slipped through, she wisely comforted me when the fault was mine. Her judgment in all matters is wise and sound.

My relationship with Ruth has been

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completely cordial and always agreeable. I am pleased that she and Alan will remain in Charlotte, so that our contacts will continue, but I will miss our working association. There is little doubt that Ruth will continue to be a valuable member of our community in Charlotte and in the Carolinas.

This tribute to Ruth is more brief than it should be, but sincerely written with devotion and appreciation.

The 1992 Yiddish Institute— Wildacres, NC

A Gathering of Kindred Spirits

by Marvin Bienstock

For 24 years the two women lived two blocks apart in Bloomfield, Michigan. They finally met atop a mountain in North Carolina.

It was Yiddish that drew them and more than 100 others from around the nation to spend four days and three nights in celebration of their Yiddish heritage and of its bright future.

The only thing missing from the 14th Annual Yiddish Institute was the sun. Fog and rain covered the mountaintop and tried to dampen our spirits, but they failed and failed totally. There just wasn't time to get wet except for the moments passing between buildings. Our schedule, as always, was filled from breakfast through to the wee hours of morning with performances, lectures, singing, dancing and learning about each other.

It was a time of unique discoveries. We learned that Ohio State University has more than just courses in Yiddish; it has a Department of Yiddish Studies. We met its first graduate, a 22-year-old, ram-rod straight, 6'2" Air Force Reserve Navigator and Rabbi's son, recipient of a Yiddish Institute scholarship.

From his Professor and Department Head, Dr. Nissan Jacobs, we learned of a new country, "Ashkenaz," which, for hundreds of years, stretched from the lowlands of Holland to the Steppes of Russia and from Lithuania in the north to Romania in the south—the largest country in Europe. Lacking only an army and a navy, Ashkenaz contained recognized centers for education, publishing, commerce and, of course, its own language—Yiddish.

We sat with beaming smiles as the singer, actress and choreographer, Eleanor Reissa, beguiled us with musical images, virtuoso styling and winsome wit.

We marvelled as we shared our



Zalmen Mlotek

family histories. The woman whose mother was from Minsk and father from Pinsk, gasped with delight when a man seated nearby revealed that his mother was from Minsk and father from Pinsk. Instituteniks born in Charleston, New York and points West uncovered common family roots in Brest L'tovsk on the Polish border of the former Soviet Union. Two of the immigrant fathers had even entered the new world through the same unique location—Galveston, Texas.

And so much more—we learned we are cousins of the famous: Jenny Grossinger, Yehudi Menuhin and Al Jolson. We also have our infamous—the esteemed *shtetl* Rabbi who absconded and immigrated with monies raised for others to use to travel to the "Golden Land" and the seller of genuine "antique" violins which he, himself, manufactured.

Late at night, we danced the Israeli *hora* and the Yiddish *sher*, but all day, and much of the night, we sang. We sang at our luncheon and dinner tables, we sang with our performers and we sang for ourselves. Even later than the dancing we drew chairs together, collapsed, caught our breath and invigorated our souls with the old, familiar melodies that carried back in our minds to our families and friends from whom we learned them.

Certainly, nostalgia is part of the Yiddish Institute's attraction, but it is the realization that Yiddish has a future which enlivens every one of us.



Shoshana Ron

One of our *institutniks* has created a similar Yiddish Institute for the Chicago Jewish community. A number of others have started Yiddish clubs in the towns and cities in which they live. Two of the thousands of college students who study Yiddish as a language were in attendance at Wildacres as Yiddish Institute scholarship recipients.

This year, for the first time, two couples, recent immigrants from the former Soviet Union, were with us at the Institute. Normally handicapped in their new lives by the barriers of language, there were no barriers here. Our mutually shared knowledge of Yiddish allowed them, for the first time, to be full participants with their new *mishpacha* (family). When they conducted a workshop, all of us listened, almost overwhelmed, as they were able to weave with words their personal histories of horror and courage.

The hours raced by from the gathering to the leavetaking. Sunday morning, before the final hugs and the sounds of departing engines, we gathered in the lecture hall, and we spoke of what was in our hearts. We told each other what our time together had meant to us. We talked the way only true friends can talk, unembarrassed by our emotions. And, as every year for the past 14 years, we vowed to return to see our old friends and to make new friends. Perhaps, in August of 1993, you, dear reader, will become one of our new friends.

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"For the Dead and the Living We Must Bear Witness"

Who Says 'Never Again'?

by **Bruce Schlosberg**
Director of Development
Blumenthal Jewish Home

Over the past few years, I have had the opportunity to attend programs commemorating the Holocaust in several American cities. They were poignant, emotional and educational. I went, not out of obligation, but out of a personal commitment never to forget. This personal commitment was forged in my childhood by my parents. When I was growing up in Everett, MA, my parents went out of their way to teach me about the evils of the Holocaust. They told my brother, sister and me about the relatives who had died. They exposed us to books about the evils of the madman and the silence of the American government. In 1960, we went as a family to protest the appearance of an American Nazi, George Lincoln Rockwell, at the Boston Commons.

I feel that times have changed, and I am concerned that the attitudes of the Jewish community may be changing. In the past few years, when I observed the crowds at the Holocaust programs, I noticed an obvious presence of people in their '50s, '60s, and '70s and an obvious absence of people 40 and under and their children.

When I began to reflect on this observation after the last Holocaust program, I became deeply troubled and thought of some obvious questions. Will my group of first-generation Americans be the last group to be emotional and concerned about the Holocaust? Is the younger generation becoming oblivious to the darkest time in our history? Are we sheltering our children from the nightmarish pictures and stories? Are we deluding ourselves that it could not happen here?

News events and several personal incidents during the week of Yom

HaShoah in April further stirred my concern about these questions. A survey of the American public by the American Jewish Committee indicated that approximately 22 percent of Americans question whether the Holocaust actually happened. More than 100 headstones in a Jewish cemetery in my hometown of Everett were turned over and desecrated by an organized group of young people from the community. My son, who was doing a term paper in college, said to me that some of his acquaintances feel that Jews dwell too much on the Holocaust.

Who says that it will not happen again? Who says that it could not happen here? Unless we take positive and proactive measures, apathy could result in history repeating itself. As Jewish families, we must make a commitment to educate our children and ourselves. It is not a *shanda* for children to begin to understand about their history. It is a *mitzvah*. Families must share experiences such as visits to the Holocaust Museum or attendance at Yom HaShoah programs.

Jewish communities can take similar positive steps toward educating both the Jewish and the general communities. We need to sponsor forums to allow children to discuss the Holocaust with survivors and other adults. We need to ensure that there is a Holocaust curriculum in the public and private schools. Such a curriculum will be proposed in Everett, MA, by my brother Paul, who is a member of the School Committee and the only local Jewish elected official. Last, but not least, we must speak out as a community as loudly as possible when we see such heinous, inhuman acts as ethnic cleansing.

Jews cannot be paranoid about anti-Semitism. However, we must be vigilant and concerned. Both vigilance and concern require responsibility.

Reflections on My Visit To the US Holocaust Memorial Museum Washington, DC

by **Ruth Goldberg**

"For the dead and the living we must bear witness." This is the motto on the identity card which each visitor to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum receives when he/she begins touring the museum. It is impossible to comprehend six million Jewish victims, but the story of one person is very symbolic.

My identity card is for Emma Freund, born October 14, 1893 in Kippenheim bei Lahr, Germany. The card reads:

The second oldest of six children, Emma was raised by observant Jewish parents in a small town between the Rhine River and the Black Forest in southwestern Germany. Emma married an interior decorator and they settled in the industrial city of Mannheim after World War I. There she had two children, a son in 1924, and a daughter in 1930. Emma helped her husband in his business.

As I hold Emma's card, I enter the elevator in which a video informs me that I will see the American Army coming upon the concentration



Exterior view of US Holocaust Memorial Museum.

camps. The door opens onto a darkened hall where pictures and videos show the scenes of the camps. The first voice I recognize is that of General Dwight D. Eisenhower saying that he wants to view everything in this Nazi camp so that he can testify to the horrors he saw with his own eyes. How could this have happened?

The scene shifts to 1933 in Germany. I hear another familiar voice screeching in German and I see Adolf Hitler addressing masses of people who are responding, "Seig Heil!" There are images of book-burnings, signs containing excerpts from *Mein Kampf* and The Nuremberg Race Laws, 1935. "The Nuremberg Laws restricted citizenship in the Reich to those of 'German or kindred blood.' Only citizens, racial Germans, were entitled to civil and political rights. Jews were merely subjects of the state." (*The World Must Know* by Michael Berenbaum, p. 33)

Then came *Kristallnacht*, November 9, 1938, the smashing of Jewish store windows, the destruction of synagogues throughout Germany. Jews had to wear the yellow Star of David badges. I learn more about Emma:

1933-39: After the Nazis came to power, Emma's husband lost his business. Her sister Linnchen emigrated to South Africa, and the Nazis deported her brother Arthur to Dachau. When the Nazis burned down the local synagogue and Jewish school in November 1938, Emma and her husband decided to send their 14-year-old son to Britain. They remained behind; her husband felt that the Nazis would not harm them any more than they already had.

I walk in daylight across a bridge with glass walls etched with the names of victims of the Holocaust. Through the glass I can see below the brick walls of the Hall of Witness with its boarded windows, metal fences and gates, and the exposed beams above. Then I enter another darkened exhibit area. The juxtaposition of time, space, light and darkness disorient my senses; my physical balance is affected as the flooring changes from planking, to stone, to brick; the contrast between the pictures of destruction and the photos of ordinary people in a Polish *shtetl*, most of whom

the Germans wiped out in two days, are shocking.

I can't get over the meticulous records and pictures that the Nazis kept of the victims of the Holocaust. They rounded up the Jews in Germany, then the Jews in occupied countries, and transported them to ghettos, labor camps and concentration camps. I walk into a railway car that had actually transported Jews to

their deaths in Treblinka. With trepidation, I touch the sides of the car. How could 80 or more people stand in this space with only a slit for air, one bucket for sanitation, and little water? After a trip lasting from hours to days, Jews, Gypsies, and other victims arrived at their destination, exited the train and marched to the *Selektion*—who shall live and who shall die? As I step off the train, I see piles of suit-



Grand staircase and exposed steel beams in the Hall of Witness, central gathering place of US Holocaust Memorial Museum.

cases along the track, with nametags still attached fifty years later.

Further along the hall I enter a concentration camp setting. I touch a three-tiered wooden bunk brought from a camp in Europe and wonder how eighteen people slept on this cramped bunk. I see a casting of the door of a gas chamber at Majdanek; a Zyklon B canister from Auschwitz; a haunting, white-plaster scale model of "Crematorium II," at Auschwitz-Birkenau, by sculptor Mieczyslaw Stobierski.

I view a display of the heroic Warsaw Ghetto Uprising in April 1943. In another area I see piles of victims' shoes which smell of mildew and aging. As I advance, I sit and listen to the actual voices of death-camp survivors telling of the horror and pain they suffered.

Emma's story continues:

1940-42: On October 22, 1940, the Freunds were ordered to prepare to leave Mannheim and to assemble near the train station. They disobeyed the order and tried to hide with a Jewish family living outside of Mannheim, but were discovered. The family was deported to Gurs, a camp in southern France. Emma and her daughter were separated from her husband and then transferred to yet another camp, Rivesaltes. Emma fell ill, but was relieved when a Jewish children's aid society managed to get her daughter out of the camp.

I go down a flight of stairs to exhibits of the liberation of the camps. I lean over a three-foot high wall to look at the recessed video displays of the atrocities and dehumanized victims that the American and British soldiers found as they conquered Germany in April and May 1945. The Soviet Army found similar horrors in Poland and eastern countries.

The museum pays tribute to the many "Righteous Gentiles" of Europe who hid Jews or gave them new identities. Raoul Wallenberg, a Swedish diplomat, was responsible for saving about 100,000 Jews in Hungary. The Danish fishermen who ferried most of Denmark's Jews to safety in Sweden are remembered. One of the Danish fishing boats is on display in the museum.

The tragic story of the SS *St. Louis* is depicted. The ship containing 930

Jews and six other passengers from Germany who had landing permits to Cuba was refused entry. The United States also turned the ship away and forced it to return to Germany in 1939 with most of the passengers going to their deaths.

The stories are told of Palestinian Jews who fought in the British Army and of others such as Hannah Senesh who parachuted into Eastern Europe to rescue Jews. There is information about displaced persons' camps, rehabilitation and resettlement pro-

grams, and the Nuremberg Trials of Nazi war criminals.

Emma's story concludes:

Emma was transferred to the Drancy transit camp in August 1942. She was deported to Auschwitz on August 14 and gassed upon arrival. She was 48 years old.

I leave the exhibition hall and enter the quiet, hexagonal-shaped Hall of Remembrance and see the Eternal Light.

With tear-filled eyes, I light a memorial candle for Emma Freund.



Hall of Remembrance, US Holocaust Memorial Museum. All photos by Ruth Goldberg.



The entrance to US Holocaust Memorial Museum. 25 Jewish Federation women from greater Charlotte toured the Museum, May 4. (L. to R.) Randy DeFilipp, Berta Kaplan, Ana Resnik, Mara Huber and Corinne Spear.

NationsBank Contributes to US Holocaust Memorial Museum

Of interest to our readers is the fact that NationsBank contributed one million dollars to the US Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, DC. NationsBank also underwrote the expenses of all the functions of the opening of the Museum in April.

Speaking on behalf of NationsBank, Chairman and CEO Hugh McColl said: "It is our great pleasure to underwrite the opening ceremonies of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. We believe everyone who visits this Museum will be touched by the human tragedy of the Holocaust. Not only is the Museum a fitting memorial to the victims of that dark period in history, it also will be a lasting reminder to future generations of the struggle to protect human rights everywhere."

Lowey Urges France to Open Holocaust Archives

Congresswoman Nita Lowey (D-NY) urged French President Francois Mitterand to open his nation's World War II archives so that the full truth can be learned about the deportation of French Jews during the Holocaust.

Lowey's request came in a letter sent to the French President, May 3, and was cosigned by 28 additional House members.

Under current French law, archives covering the events of World War II may remain closed for another hundred years. This restriction prevents a full examination of the fate of more than 73,000 French Jews deported to German concentration camps and thousands of Jews of other nationalities transported through France during World War Two.

"As the new Holocaust Museum opens in Washington, it is time that the French government open its World War Two archives," Lowey said. "Scholars, survivors, and all those who lost family members in the Holocaust deserve to know the full truth

about the fate of the Jewish community during this period."

Lowey's letter was prompted by stories of survivors denied access to the French archives as they sought to determine the fate of their loved ones. Lowey also expressed concern about the need for a full historical accounting of the period.

"These archives contain vital information about the actions of the French government and the fate of the French Jewish community during the Holocaust," Lowey said. "Unless we are able to learn the full truth about the past, we will run the risk of repeating it."

(Editor's Note: 25 Jewish Federation women from greater Charlotte met with Rep. Lowey during a recent visit to the Capitol and the Holocaust Museum.)

American Jewish Committee Presents Akiba Award to Dr. Emil Fackenheim

The American Jewish Committee (AJC) presented its Akiba Award, a citation for exceptional contributions to the enrichment of Jewish intellectual, cultural and communal life in the United States, to Dr. Emil Fackenheim, a noted philosopher and scholar of Jewish history and Jewish thought.

The presentation, which took place at the US Holocaust Memorial Museum, was part of the human relations agency's 87th Annual Meeting held in May.

The award was presented to Dr. Fackenheim by Jack Lapin, AJC Administrative Officer At Large and Chair of AJC's Jewish Communal Affairs Commission. In making the presentation, Mr. Lapin noted that Dr. Fackenheim was being honored for "his formulation and explication of a philosophy that speaks to ancient and modern Judaism in a unified voice, that challenges us to understand and interpret the implications of the Holocaust for ourselves and for our children, and that requires us to commit ourselves anew to our Jewish identity."

In accepting the award, Dr. Fack-

enheim spoke of the meaning of the Holocaust for contemporary Jewish identity and identification.

"In 1967 I formulated a '614th Commandment' for post-Holocaust Jews: they are forbidden to give Hitler posthumous victories. And I spelled out the following: Jews are bidden to survive, even if unable to believe in a 'higher' purpose; Jews are bidden to remember, even though thereby compelled to wrestle with the threat that Auschwitz poses to Sinai; Jews are forbidden to despair of mankind, even after the one-time division of the world, with all-too-few exceptions, into the perpetrators and the indifferent; and Jews are forbidden to deny God, even though having to contend with the divine in ways without precedent in their entire four-millennial life with God."

Dr. Fackenheim went on to discuss how he believes this "commandment" applies to Jewish life today.

On the issue of Jewish survival, he noted that the most widely held criticism involves the question of whether Jews must "go beyond mere survival" to a "higher purpose."

"Can Judaism exist without Jews?" he asked. "Obviously not. Will Jews always exist? Franz Rosenzweig believed in 'the eternal people': despite perpetual attrition—pogroms, assimilation, childlessness—a remnant would always survive, to witness its mission to Eternity.

"Rosenzweig, however, taught before the Holocaust," said Dr. Fackenheim. "After the event—the unheard of attempt to murder every last Jew on earth—theology must think in new ways of the Jewish future. Having once been a fact, a Holocaust is known to be a possibility. Precariousness, therefore, attaches, henceforth, to Jewish survival, and also to Judaism."

Dr. Fackenheim, addressing the issue of Jewish remembrance, stated that today, as survivors pass away and we lose their experience, a new task stands out for contemporary Jewry.

"In the wake of the catastrophe and too stunned to listen to survivors, historians would bury the event in

footnotes, while theologians and philosophers would flatten it out, in the one case into evil-in-general, and in the other, into 'the demonic-in-general.' A generation later, Holocaust-history is a respected discipline. And the more and better the Holocaust is explained, the more unfathomable it becomes. Why the criminals did it and how to respond to the fate of the victims are questions that become more baffling with the passage of time."

"Can post-Holocaust Jews live with God?" Dr. Fackenheim continued.

"Can they live without God?" he answered. "In the Holocaust—so survivors have testified—along with Jews themselves, Jewish hope died. After this, the two key questions are: How do we bring up Jewish children? And do we open a new page in Jewish history, the Jewish state? There is but one answer. Whenever Jews bring up Jewish children and whenever they take actions that help secure the Jewish state and make it flourish, the agents, even if unaware of the fact, participate in the resurrection of the hope that died.

"Jewish survival today then," concluded Dr. Fackenheim, "is not 'mere' after all, but rather a testimony to a hope without precedent in the annals of history. In a world that often seems on the verge of despair, is not this Jewish testimony, more perhaps than any other *mitzvah* that Jews are bidden to perform, what makes them a light unto the nations?"

Dr. Jan Karski Receives AJC Highest Honor

The American Jewish Committee (AJC) presented its highest honor—the American Liberties Medallion—to Dr. Jan Karski, a Polish Catholic diplomat during World War II who risked his life to report to the Polish, British and American governments on the extermination of the Jews. The award was given to Dr. Karski on May 6, 1993 "in recognition of a lifetime of service in the cause of freedom and human rights for all people everywhere."

In presenting the award to Dr.

Karski, currently a professor of government at Georgetown University, David A. Harris, AJC Executive Vice President, said: "There is an old adage which asks: 'If a tree falls in the forest and no one hears it, does it make a sound?' Similarly, one can ask: 'If humanity cries out in anguish and no one listens, does their pain go unfelt?'"

"Jan Karski devoted his life, indeed risked his life, so that the anguish of Polish Jews during World War II did not then, and does not today, go unheard or unfelt. This courier of courage took to the world community his eyewitness accounts of the systematic extermination of the Jews by the Nazis. Many found his stories of gruesome atrocities hard to believe, but Jan Karski told them and retold them to anyone who would listen.

"Jan Karski modestly refers to himself as a 'human tape recorder,' replaying the messages he was asked to deliver. In actuality, he has been a trumpet; a man who has heralded the harsh tones of human indifference and cruelty so loudly that no one can deny hearing them, while at the same time personifying the softest melodies that make up the indomitable spirit and inherent goodness that mankind can still possess."

In accepting the award, Dr. Karski recalled the disbelief he confronted from government leaders when he told them of the Nazi atrocities taking place in Poland.

"I knew that what was happening to the Jews was unprecedented," he said. "In London, and later in Washington, it was obviously difficult for government officials to believe me. They thought I was spreading anti-German, anti-Nazi propaganda. I believe that it wasn't so much that they didn't know it was happening, but that they didn't want to know. Governments, church hierarchies, and social institutions abandoned the Jews."

Dr. Karski stressed, however, that while many closed their eyes to Jewish suffering thousands of people in Poland, Hungary, Romania, Italy, France and elsewhere put themselves and their families in great danger to

protect and shelter Jews from the Nazis. He also paid tribute to the thousands of Jews who fought in the underground resistance movements throughout Europe. "It is as important to acknowledge the humanity, those who followed the Lord's commandment of 'Love Thy Neighbor' and did not abandon the Jews, as it is to acknowledge the Holocaust," he said.

Dr. Karski added that despite rising anti-Semitism around the world today, especially in Eastern Europe, he does not believe another Holocaust is possible for Jews.

"Now there is Israel, and this is essential. A tragedy of the Jewish people was that there was no government representing them in the inter-allied War Council in World War II. They had to rely on others to be sympathetic or unsympathetic to their plight. And, during the war, there was not sympathy."

Former American Liberties Medallion recipients include: Elie Wiesel (1972), Natan Sharansky (1987), Vaclav Havel (1990), and Yevgeny Yevtushenko (1991).

Echoes of Riga by Hope Bellar Schene

Whenever my husband
spreads lime on the ground,
a chill climbs my back.

Whenever more than one
goes in the shower,
sweat beads my brow.

Whenever I'm stopped
at a train track gate,
and whistles sound and metal clacks,
I feel the closeness of bodies.
My breathing shallows.

Whenever I look
at my grandparents' pictures,
tears congeal in my eyes.
I thank them
for their immigrant's timing,
yet pinpricks of the dead
needle my skin.

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Ida Nudel—Fighting On

by Lisa Clayton

(WZPS) The fighting spirit is still there. In fact, on the day we met, Ida Nudel had been to the Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs to obtain help for the approximately 60,000 Russian immigrant single mothers and their 75,000 children, now living in Israel. The battle for their successful absorption into Israeli society is one that Nudel and her one-woman "Mother-to-Mother" organization have adopted with characteristic fervor and determination.

Ida Nudel is probably the best known woman of the Soviet Jewish refuseniks and Prisoners of Zion who dedicated their lives to fighting for the rights of Soviet Jews to immigrate to Israel. Many spent years languishing in jail and were exiled to Siberia; still more lost their jobs, suffered daily harassment, and lived in constant fear of the KGB.

Nudel, as many remember her, was the "guardian angel" of the Prisoners of Zion, tirelessly campaigning for them and providing all the emotional and material support she could muster, and more. In 1978, after repeatedly being denied an exit visa, she defiantly hung a banner from the balcony of her Moscow apartment—"KGB-give me my visa." She was exiled to Siberia for four years and then banned from returning to Moscow.

Today, 62-year-old Nudel lives alone in Carmei Yosef, a small settlement of 400 families situated halfway between Jerusalem and Tel Aviv. She shares her plot of land with her sister Ilana, who emigrated to Israel in 1972, and her sister's family. "I live in a very beautiful place which I love," she says. "I am happy as a human being, but not when it comes to my ideas about the Jewish state and the Jewish people," she says.

Nudel failed at two attempts to create jobs for new Russian immigrants, including the establishment of an ecological center to tap the know-how of Russian scientists. They failed, she says, "because Israeli bureaucracy is stronger than the spirit of the people, and you can only suc-

ceed if you have the right connections."

Nudel is not reticent in her criticism of the establishment: "Zionism is stuck in a state of lethargy. . . . The mass aliya from the Soviet Union has been a major test of the Zionism of those in power—and they failed to pass it. . . . We need a young, educated cadre of leaders with a new, fresh vision," she asserts.

Nudel was one of the founders of the Zionist Forum, the roof organization of immigrants from the former Soviet Union in Israel, which is chaired by former Prisoner of Zion Anatoly (Natan) Sharansky. Although she left the organization three years ago, she recently stood for reelection and won the majority of votes for a place on the overseeing Comptroller's Committee.

She is encouraged by the number of people who voted for her and who obviously believe in her abilities. Her goal in returning to the fold, she says, is "to understand where the problems are and how we can overcome them."

She is also keen to be involved in the Forum's various lobbying groups which, she says, need developing but have great potential. "I'm not a leader or a politician, but I am a fighter," she says.

Nudel believes that her anti-establishment views may be why

nearly all her applications for funding for the Mother to Mother non-profit organization to help single-parent immigrant families from the Commonwealth of Independent States were rejected.

She did, however, manage to secure enough donations—mostly from a Christian group—to be able to initiate a few small projects. Its first objective, from its founding in October 1992, was "to teach Hebrew to the children of one-parent families and keep them from dropping out of school," says Nudel.

"These youngsters, especially from Moslem republics where there was little emphasis on education, just drop out; it's the easy option. They then risk falling into alcoholism, drug abuse and even child prostitution."

For the moment, the program exists in small, outlying areas, where there are few voluntary networks to help the new immigrants. The children are taught Hebrew through music. "I believe the only way to learn a language is by using it. And when you learn in song and music, you also enjoy it," says Nudel.

"When I came to Israel, I was told 'Remember, your place is on the wall'; in other words, that my place is in the past, in history. But I'm still full of ideas and I have a lot to do here. I live in the present and, partly, in the future."



Vice President Al Gore addresses Holocaust survivors and others at 50th anniversary commemoration of Warsaw Ghetto Uprising in New York's Madison Square Garden.

L'dor va-dor on the Hardwood Floor

by Les Gordan

L'dor va-dor means from generation to generation. Throughout history, Jews have preserved and transferred their heritage from parent to child. Today that tradition carries on for one Jewish family in an unusual place—the hardwood floors of the National Basketball Association (NBA).

Out of the thousands of athletes who have played in the NBA, only a handful of fathers and sons have done so. One of those combinations, Dolph and Dan Schayes, is Jewish. Both the father and the son are unique in the basketball world in their own way.

When Dolph Schayes retired from the NBA in 1964 he was the dominant player in pro basketball. At the time of his retirement, he owned the NBA career records for 1) most games played; 2) most games played consecutively; 3) most minutes played; 4) most field goals made; 5) most free throws made; 6) most rebounds; 7) most points scored; 8) most all-star teams; and 9) most seasons played.

To put some of those records in perspective, the average NBA career is less than four years. Schayes' consecutive games played streak lasted more than ten years. At 6'8" and 220 pounds, he was one of the biggest players in the league, as his career rebounding record attests. But unlike today's big men, his most-minutes-played record demonstrates that he had the stamina of today's small men.

At the peak of his career, he was more than a star player; he was unique as the most dominant player in league history. In his day, he held court in much the same way as Michael Jordan does today. And in the tradition of *l'dor va-dor*, he passed on to his son his basketball knowledge, and, as the reader will soon discover, some other qualities of more universal application.

Whether anyone will ever hold a place similar to the one Dolph Schayes held at his retirement is admittedly open to debate. But Dan Schayes' uniqueness is indisputable: He is the last Jewish player in the NBA.

Jewish participation in professional basketball has gone from common to rare to unique. One last man stands on the hardwood courts, and when he retires, a huge chunk of the sporting chapter of American Jewish history will close.

Dan Schayes played college ball at Syracuse University from 1977 through 1981. He was a first-round draft pick of the Utah Jazz. His personal career high rebounding game was against Houston in 1983 with 24. After two years he was traded to the Denver Nuggets. His most productive season in the league was 1987-88 when he averaged 13.9 points and 8.2 rebounds per game. He tallied his career-best 37 points with Denver versus his former Jazz team in 1989. He was acquired by the Milwaukee Bucks before the 1990-91 season.

The 1992-93 season ended prematurely for Dan with an eye injury. The following interview took place with him while he was on the injured reserve list during the last week of the NBA regular season.



Dan Schayes

Gordon: How would you describe the level of Jewish observance in your home as a youngster?

Schayes: We celebrated the Holidays. We went to synagogue—not an every week, regular thing but periodically for Friday night services.

G: Did you go to Hebrew school?

S: I went to Hebrew school as a youngster probably up until fifth grade or so. Then my dad ended up switching jobs and we moved. I ended up going to five different schools in five years. The period of time from fifth grade to ninth grade, every year was a new move and a new move and a new move. From that point I didn't go to an organized Hebrew School.

G: Were you Bar Mitzvahed?

S: My brother was and I haven't been yet.

G: You say "yet." Do you plan to?

S: Actually, it's something that I've been thinking about for after I'm through playing.

G: When did you begin playing organized basketball?

S: Well, I've always played. My dad, who was a former player, owned a basketball camp [when I was] growing up. As early as I can remember, I was always playing. Either in a pickup game or in

basketball camp or in summer camp or in JCC leagues or in school leagues—anywhere I could.

G: Did you play on a Maccabee team?

S: I played the Maccabee Games twice—in '77 and '81. [I] won Gold medals with both teams.

G: Have you been to Israel since then?

S: I haven't. My wife and I were going to go this summer to coincide with the games, but not as an active participant. Just to go as a supporter and spectator.

G: As a high school student did you stay out of school for any Jewish holidays?

S: Yes. We stayed out for Yom Kippur. I'm not a hundred percent sure [if] we stayed out specifically for Passover or whether it was a school holiday.

G: And you stayed out for Rosh Hashanah?

S: Yes.

G: Did staying out of school ever hurt your chances of making the high school team or the starting line-up?

S: No, that was never an issue one way or another.

G: Was it because you were so much better than most of the other players?

S: You know, I don't remember it ever being an issue. Generally basketball didn't start until November. Actually there were a couple of times during my pro career when Yom Kippur would fall during training camp, and I would miss practice there. But it was something that was cleared in advance [with management] and wasn't a problem.

G: You do not play on Yom Kippur. Is that a verbal understanding with the team?

S: Again, it hasn't been a big thing. It's only happened, I think, twice in twelve years. [It's] just the way the schedule has worked out.

G: When Yom Kippur did conflict with your basketball schedule, did your not playing get press coverage?

S: Yes, it got press in Salt Lake City. It happened once. It was the second day of training camp. In Denver, I think I missed one pre-season game one time.

G: Have you ever experienced any anti-Semitism during your basketball career?

S: I haven't. Basketball, being a game of minorities, I've never really experienced anything derogatory.

G: Do the other team members on the Milwaukee Bucks know that you're Jewish?

S: Yes.

G: Do the players around the NBA today have any sense of history about how significant the Jewish involvement has been in the development of pro basketball both in management and as players?

S: [For] most of the players that I am aware of, the history of the league doesn't come up much. There's been so much change in the last ten, fifteen years that what's going on now and in the future [are] by far the most common subjects [of conversation].

G: Do they know about the dominant position your father held when he retired in 1964?

S: Vaguely. There aren't a lot of guys who are history buffs from back then. Especially on our team now, [because] we have a lot of rookies. So I don't think it's much of a concern.

G: The game has changed so much in the last thirty years that numbers alone are not a fair comparison. If you could transfer your father's level of dominance and influence in the NBA of 1963 to the NBA of 1993, where would you rank him?

S: It's a very tough thing to do. You have to remember that in his time when he retired he owned virtually all the NBA individual records. So there's really no comparison with what has come

since then. The game was much different. The talent level was much different. You have to remember he was also one of the bigger players in the league. Probably in the top ten or twelve in the league at the time. Now his size at six eight, he might not be in the top half.

G: Would you compare him to Michael Jordan today?

S: Well, it's a very, very difficult comparison to make, because in his time he was one of the top few dominant players in the game. But then if you took the players from that era and put them on the court today, in their prime, the talent level has improved so much that it [would be] much more competitive now. But if you took his stature at the time, today he'd be one of the Larry Birds, Michael Jordans.

G: Did you ever get to see your father play professionally?

S: Well, he retired when I was four, so I didn't. I've seen a lot on film. I don't remember him playing live. [I remember] more coaching. He coached the Buffalo Braves when I was a sixth grader. I remember being a ball boy for the team and going to a lot of the games there. So I had a lot of hands-on experience with him as a coach.

G: Father and son combinations are fairly common in major league baseball, but they are very rare in pro basketball. When you entered the NBA in 1981, were you and your dad the first father-son duo to play in the league?

S: Kiki Vandeweghe was a year ahead of me, and Jim Paxton was ahead of me. There's been about a half a dozen [in total].

G: Was there any publicity in the Jewish press about you and your father being the first and only Jewish father-son duo in the NBA?

S: There's been articles written over the years about my father and I both playing. So, it's been covered rather extensively.

G: When your father was in pro basketball, the number of Jewish players was already in decline from the glory years of the 1920s and 1930s. Today, you are the only Jewish player in the NBA. Do you know of any potential Jewish players in college today that could play in the NBA?

S: That I don't know. The Maccabee games just had their tryouts and I was talking to one of the assistant coaches, Bernie Fein, who's assistant coach at Syracuse. He said there wasn't the depth there had been back when I played. We had Joel Kramer who was an NBA player. On the first [Maccabee] team I played on, there were maybe half a dozen guys who played professionally either here or in Europe. A couple stayed in Israel. Myself and Joel played in the NBA.

G: Any others play in the NBA?

S: Ernie Grunfeld played in the Maccabee [Games] in '73. He didn't go back in '77. Although he was still active in the [NBA] league then.

G: But today there doesn't appear to be any Jewish college players with the talent to play in the NBA?

S: Yeah, then again, I don't know well enough to say. But there aren't any that I know of.

G: To what would you attribute the decline of Jewish athletes in professional leagues today?

S: From what I've been able to tell, generally the pro athletes come from a lot of the ghetto areas where sports are seen as a way out. Certainly that was true back in the '20s and '30s when a lot of the Jewish athletes from immigrant families, the first generation, were looking for a way out of the ghetto. Sports were a very good vehicle for that. You see that more now with the Black players coming up into the pros and less with the Jewish players. Also, one of the big things, one of the most basic things, working against Jewish basketball players is that Jews are short. There are just very, very few seven-foot Jewish players. Six eight, six nine,

you're short. The pool you have to start with is very small. Back in the twenties and thirties the players weren't as big. My father at six eight was one of the giants in the league physically. That is something that certainly works against Jewish basketball players. Now you see more Jewish players in baseball where the physical size isn't as important.

G: In any of the three cities where you have played, have any of the Jewish organizations sponsored a Danny Schayes night or asked you to speak at athletic awards dinners?

S: Oh, yeah. I've been active in the Jewish community. I'm on the board of the ADL in Denver. I've spoken here [in Milwaukee] at the JCC for some Maccabee fundraisers and that kind of thing. I've done the same in Denver.

G: Do you think the absence of any attention paid to your Jewishness by your fellow players is an indication of the high level of assimilation of Jews in America today?

S: No, I don't think that's the case at all. To give you a for instance, it's known around the league, and certainly known to my teammates, that I'm the only Jewish player. Freddie Roberts is one of the Mormon players in the league. We joke that I'm the team Jew and he's the team Mormon. So we're always explaining the Holidays that come up and that kind of thing. I think it's simply a case where it's just not an issue that's on the front lines for putting the ball in the basket. It's not an assimilation [question]. I don't think it's an issue that really applies toward getting the job done one way or the other. You know, it's certainly not a case where anything's being ignored, or overlooked or bypassed. It's just a case where it's not significant to winning the ballgame.

G: Do [you] view yourself as a role model for youth in general or Jewish youth specifically?

S: For both.

G: So you feel it's fair that society assigns professional athletes that type of role-model position?

S: Well, I think the problem you run into there is that just because somebody is a good athlete doesn't make them good at other things. By assigning athletes in general to be your role models, society sends a wrong message. Just because somebody can run faster [and] put the ball in the basket, it doesn't necessarily follow that it makes them a good leader or good role model in other areas. You have to remember that being an exceptional athlete is the exception not the rule. What works for a guy who's seven foot and very athletic certainly isn't something you can apply to society as a whole. I take pride in being a role model personally, but the fact that I'm an athlete doesn't automatically qualify me to be a role model—a good role model.

G: Do you feel it is reasonable for someone to say to a professional athlete that the athlete should try to be on his best behavior or try to be a role model more than Joe down the street who's assembling widgets?

S: I think the reality is that the athlete because of his stature in the community has a great opportunity to be a role model. However, I think that Joe down the street is in a position to be a better role model. From the standpoint that you're talking about a teacher, or a parent, or friend who can be there on a day-to-day position to lead by example and to be there on an everyday basis. I think parents, teachers and Joe down the street who works for a living, who has the experience and who has the personal contact, individually, would make a better role model than an athlete whom you see on television but never really get to have a personal involvement on a day to day level.

G: Do you think it is realistic, though, to think that kids look at the average Joe as a role model?

S: The reality is that the athlete has the opportunity to be a role

model. The truth is that the teacher or the parent or the brother or the friend is the better choice, because he's there on an everyday basis where he can make a difference. Sure, Michael Jordan is a great role model and a terrific person, but how many kids can Michael Jordan sit with in the living room everyday and give one-on-one personal advice? He donates terrific energy and money to charities. But if I'm a kid, everyday I have an issue growing up, who's there? My parent, my teacher. I think everybody has the responsibility to be able to make that difference. We can't rely on Michael Jordan to be everyone in America's role model. He does a fabulous job, but it's everyone's responsibility not just the star athlete.

G: Do you feel giving free autographs, posing for pictures, and the like are part of your job?

S: You know, it's funny. Believe it or not, that's getting to be a very complicated issue as well. I believe that, absolutely, pictures with the fans, autographs with the fans and all that are part of the job. I make a lot of free appearances for charity fundraisers. I speak to high schools, and I also believe that's part of the job. Unfortunately, the autograph thing has become a business. I go into my locker and I have twenty to fifty envelopes [from] kids every week or two with cards in them to sign. I recognize some; I've gotten eight or ten during the year [from the same fan]. Kids who are collectors for money. Where does it end? Yes, I believe for the individual fan [in giving autographs]. I enjoy shaking hands. I give my shoes away. I give practice jerseys to charity auctions to raise money. All that kind of stuff, I enjoy doing that.

G: Do you think it is ethical for players to form for-profit fan clubs that are aimed at kids?

S: You know, it's funny, this is the first I've heard of it. I don't really have an opinion. It becomes a gray area now because of the fan apparel, the fan mail [and] the autograph card thing have become such a business. Unfortunately, there's now a business side to autographs. I don't know where the lines are drawn and again I don't know enough [about fan clubs] to give you a specific answer.

G: Would you endorse or appear in a commercial for an alcohol or tobacco product?

S: No.

G: Would you endorse or appear in a commercial for a product you did not actually use?

S: I'm not a big endorser where that comes up a lot. But no, I look for things that I use and that I believe in. I mean I wouldn't just do [endorsements] just to do them. I did one for a clothing store that I shopped at, [and] for a computer company distributor [whose product] I used. Those kinds of things.

G: Do you feel that your conduct on the basketball court is in some measure governed by Jewish ethical teachings? In this area I find it interesting to note that two of the very few football players to openly criticize the violence in pro football today are Jewish: Ron Mix, a Hall of Famer who played for the San Diego Chargers, and John Frank, who played for the San Francisco 49ers.

S: I don't know the answer to that. Certainly how I behave on the court is a product of what my personality is and how I learned the game. How that reflects Jewish ideals, I don't know. I don't really know the answer to that. I play on instinct [based] on the things I've learned over and over and over. I was brought up learning about sportsmanship, about competition, team effort, [and] working together for a common goal. It's hard to separate what a Jewish ideal is from a winning ideal. So many times they overlap; I don't know if I could say which lessons were learned here or there. It's a tough question for me to be any more specific with.

G: You said you were married. Is your wife Jewish?
 S: Yes.
 G: Do you have any children?
 S: No, not yet.
 G: Can we look forward to the first grandfather-father-son trio in the NBA?
 S: Well, it's certainly possible. My wife is only five five, so we'll have to hope the kids get my height.
 G: Of course, he'd have to be a boy not a girl.
 S: That's true. Well you never know, there might be some pro women's leagues by that time.
 G: When does your current contract end?
 S: After next season [in 1994].
 G: So you definitely plan to be back next year?
 S: Yes. Somewhere. You know, the team here is in kind of a flux. They're rebuilding with a lot of young players and they're looking to build for three to five years from now. So, we're a little up in the air as [to] what's going to happen in this off season. Whether they're going to trade for a younger player or not. It's a little up in the air still.
 G: When do you want to retire from the NBA?
 S: I don't know. I'd like to play another three years. I certainly feel physically capable, ready to play. A lot depends on what happens this summer [and] where I'll be playing next season. Right now that's the immediate thing I'm thinking about.
 G: What do you plan to do after your basketball career is over?
 S: Well, I'm not sure yet. We're working on a few different ideas back in Colorado. That's where I think we're going to be this summer, narrow[ing] them down to half a dozen or so ideas.
 G: What was your major at Syracuse University?
 S: Organic chemistry.
 G: And did you graduate?

S: Yes.
 G: Do you think your grades suffered, because you played big time basketball?
 S: Oh, I don't think so. Education was always something that was stressed. [It was] very important to me. Something I learned from a young age. Frankly, I was pretty good at it. I enjoyed school. I was a good student and learning was always something that I enjoyed doing. I always strived to be a good student. I spent the time that was necessary to get the job done. I was an Academic All-American at Syracuse; I was an A student in high school. Whatever it took to get the job done, that's what was done. I took books with me on the road, I studied on the airplane, [and] in hotel rooms. So it was a priority for me to do well.
 G: Have you earned any advanced degrees in the off-season?
 S: I haven't. Actually, it's funny. I went to enroll in graduate school when I was in Salt Lake as a rookie, and they weren't interested in a part-time student. They wanted a full-time [student], and they actually discouraged me from starting graduate school there.

G: What have you been doing in the off-season the last few years when you were in the NBA?

S: In the off-season, I travel quite a bit. [I] get to see a lot of people whom I don't see [during the season]. The last couple of years, my wife, who's a spring board diver, competed in the summer. That's her season. So we would travel a lot to meets around the country.

G: I want to thank you for taking the time to talk with me. Good luck during the remainder of your career, and I hope to see you in Charlotte next year.

S: Thank you.
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Les Gordan, a Charlotte accountant, has written several articles for the Times Outlook on Jews in sports.

Roaming the Past with David Schulman

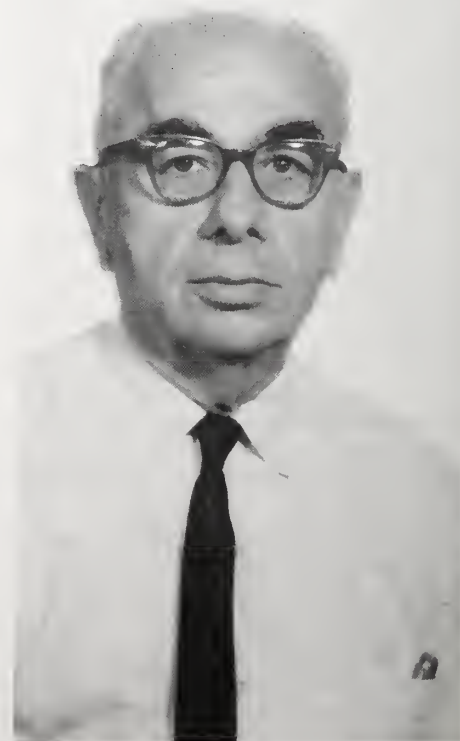


Recently while interviewing a mountain musician for another publication, the man told me how he has spent his life tracking down and preserving traditional mountain stories and tunes that have literally lasted centuries. He told me the power of a simple story is perhaps one of the greatest powers ever known to man. His words sent me on my own search to recall family stories that though they may not contain the trappings of a great literary short story, nevertheless, have great importance if only to a small audience—ourselves.

Laura Sessions Stepp recently wrote an article entitled, "Building Family Memories," for *Working Mother Magazine*. In it she says that family stories provide kids with a

sense of belonging and that children form their own identity when they first hear they are one of many in a parade of descendents. She further applauds the intimacy that telling family stories produces between parent and child, maybe lasting a lifetime.

Many times the subjects told about in these stories are mostly rumor or myth but still loads of fun. My father told me the story of the "Galitzeanna Mojo." The ethnic rivalry between *Litvaks* and *Galitzeannas* is legendary. When nothing else seemed to describe even a truly beloved sister-in-law's faux pas in a particular situation, my mother would shake her head and say, "Well, what do you expect, she's a *Galitzeanna*." I'm sure the same was said in reverse of *Litvaks*. The story



David Karp

Dad tells is of when he lived in Cherryville, NC, Dave Karp, may he rest in peace, came to visit. Dave, my Dad, and my Grandfather were riding one Saturday night on a dark dirt road lit up by a full moon. They got behind a farmer driving a haywagon. The farmer would not pull over and let them by and the kid riding in the back of the wagon was even taunting them. Dave looked over to Dad and said, "Just wait, I'll put the *Galitzeanna Mojo* on him." Dave promptly pronounced some kind of Yiddish *meshugas* and pointed his finger directly at the boy on the wagon. Immediately the boy, for no apparent reason, fell off the back of the wagon, forcing the driver to pull to the side of the road and let Dad and Dave pass. The *Galitzeanna Mojo* worked, and Dave became famous for life, at least in my family.

About twenty-five years ago, I traveled with Martin and Ida Belovin, now of San Diego, formerly of Asheville, to Las Vegas. At one "pit stop" for food and gasoline, Ida got out of the car and expressed a rule that had passed down from her Mother, *Mrs. Jake Rosen*. "Never pass up a good bathroom." I don't know why that bit of knowledge impressed me so much but years later throughout my children's lives whenever they were directed to use a bathroom but declined, I always invoked the Ida Belovin famous rule of life. This April I took the family to Las Vegas and the Belovins met us there. My children, Nathan and Stephanie, finally would be able to meet this "Ida character" in person. When I told Ida that I bet she would never imagine the power of her little story years before, Ida laughed and said that of all the great knowledge she imparted over the years to me, she was thrilled that "bathroom story" survived above all.

It is especially important to prioritize oral stories in our lives. Very few people take the time to write down or save such stories. They are only given immortality when we take the time to make sure they are told over and over again to future generations. Oral stories are like isometric exercises. They don't seem like they make a lot of

difference, but they work if you take the time to use them.

Family stories can be cautionary tales, stories that may indicate pitfalls ahead but without preaching such morality. The stupid story of "That Gol Darn Bell" has become one such tale in my house. When I was in elementary school I was chosen one day to be the sole emissary of fire drills. My job was to rush into the hallway and ring a loud bell when the fire drill was announced. Pretty simple, huh? Simple if you know where the gol darn bell was or were not afraid to ask! Yes, my loyal readers, this astute columnist had no idea where the bell was and spent the entire year searching for it. Why I could not ask my teacher or parents for help is beyond me. Each day I prayed that the fire drill would not be announced. 180 days of terror! I looked for the bell each morning before school. I even looked behind the urinals and in the girls' bathroom. Nowhere was the bell to be found. I tell my children how dramatic I had to be when the drill was announced. I would run out of the building each time declaring with all sincerity that I had just forgotten to ring the bell. Another kid would have to assume my role, and he made sure I knew what a nerd I had been. Finally the year ended, and I was released from my captivity. My children roll on the floor with laughter when I expose myself as being once very human, but the family story does more. It has taught my children to ask when in doubt, even if it seems a hard thing to do. It also tells them one of the not so great secrets of life. Self-imposed torture may hurt the most and be the hardest to deal with.

I know that we all get very tired of hearing some of the famous family stories that certain relatives tell every chance they get, just as if they think we never heard it before. We may struggle to laugh even while getting indigestion. All family stories are not pearls. Yet oral stories don't have the luxury of sitting in gilt-edged books on library shelves awaiting a kind soul to put his hands on them so the story can be relived. It is only through shared stories that we have the

chance to go back, and even if the story is of something we might not care to relive again, the retelling still adds connectivity to our lives that is not easily attainable by any other means.

Sylvia Elementary School has been torn down now. I guess I'll never know where that bell was located. Dave Karp took the secret of the *Mojo* with him, I suppose, but one of the richest things I'll ever do in life is to be able to reach back and really feel what happened on that moonlit night in Cherryville. Even for only a few seconds, I will hear the laughter and see the smile of a man I miss every day in my life, and that is a pearl I cannot buy at any price and a possession I value more than any Hemingway or Faulkner masterpiece.

David Schulman would love to share your family stories, too. Please call him at (704) 254-9250 or write him at 3701 Timber Trail, Asheville, N.C. 28804. DO IT TODAY!



Above, JDC Executive Vice-President Michael Schneider uses one of the only lines of communication between Sarajevo and the outside world to speak with JDC President Amb. Milton A. Wolf in Cleveland, Ohio. The radio was installed by the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee. Credit: Doron Tashtit.

Kibbitzing—Community News

Temples

Congregation Bayt Shalom Greenville, N.C.

In September, the collective dream of our congregation was realized as we moved to a new building which can accommodate our growing community. It was a great experience to have our high holiday services in our new synagogue. We had room to dance with the Torah after each *Hakafah* on Simchat Torah. On January 24, we formally dedicated our new facility to serve as *Bayt Tefilah-Bayt Kneset-Bayt Midrash*. Congregants as well as city dignitaries attended the ceremony.

In the last year, Congregation Bayt Shalom has been bustling with activity. We have celebrated the B'nai Mitzvah of Alesa Blumenfeld-Gantz, Laura Engel, Adam Cohen, Maria and Tony Hoffman, Andrew Cohen and Kathryn Levine. The congregation has also celebrated the weddings of Amy Sellars and Michael Friedlander, Ally Savitt and Van Forrester, Martin and Betty Gabel, and that of our Rabbi, Michael Cain to Dr. Debbie Leder. Our Rabbi has also converted

three people this year. The most recent addition to our congregation is Nathaniel Brody. Mazel Tov to Stacy and Hyman.

Our religious school is growing concomitantly with our membership and we take pride in the achievements of our children. At a recent Rosh Hodesh celebration, our students conducted an hour-long service complete with *Aliyot l'Torah*.

Our regional BBYO Chapter, Shalom BBYO, has 20 members who are actively participating in local and regional activities. They most recently organized an enjoyable and successful Purim carnival and ten students attended Spring Council Convention in King, NC.

We have religious education programs for all ages. Our vibrant after-school and Sunday School programs are attended by 30 children. We have a post-B'nai Mitzvah program, as well as weekly adult education programs. We also have monthly Havdalah services that include a program and social hour. On the first Friday of each month, we have a family dinner and service. Yom HaShoah was marked by a special and moving service organized by Bramey and Rhea Resnik.

Our Sisterhood has had some very interesting and well-attended activities this year, including discussions on our personal backgrounds and

their effect on our Jewish identities and on being Jewish in Greenville; a progressive dinner; volunteering at the local homeless shelter; and supporting the Peaceful Baby program. Men's Club has had successful bagel brunches and a bowling party.

NOTICE

Congregation Bayt Shalom in Greenville, NC, has approximately 100 Silverman High Holiday Prayer books for sale. These are 1st, 2nd and 3rd edition. Please call (919) 830-1138.

Temple Beth El Charlotte, NC

by Lynne Cojac

The Search Committee and Board of Directors at Temple Beth El have chosen Rabbi James Bennett of St. Louis, MO, as our new permanent Rabbi. Rabbi Bennett comes from Congregation Shaare Emeth, where he is currently Associate Rabbi. With his wife, Amy, and children, Abby and Ethan, Rabbi Bennett plans to be in Charlotte in late summer to prepare for the High Holy Days. The congregation looks forward to the warmth, open-mindedness and special gift of teaching of Rabbi Jim Bennett.

On June 5, Corey Goldfarb will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah. Corey is the son of Janet and Barry Goldfarb.

Allen Gordon will celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of his Bar Mitzvah on June 19 in a joint ceremony with his brother-in-law, Melvin Schwartz of Ossining, NY. A half century ago, each of these men, as yet unknown to each other, became a Bar Mitzvah on the very same date. Please join us on June 19 as they experience their B'nai Mitzvot together in Charlotte.

On June 25, a joint service for ORT Sabbath will take place in the sanctuary at Temple Israel. Please plan to worship with us.

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Beth Israel Synagogue Asheville, NC

by Lillian R. Wellisch

End-of-the-year activities were punctuated with emotional, intellectual and spiritual experiences. The community Yom HaShoah Memorial Service at Beth Israel was an extremely moving experience for the speakers, Harry Goldberg and Dr. Alan Baumgarten, children of survivors of the Holocaust, and the audience. Rabbi Birnham and Rabbi Ratner led the readings and vocalist Susan Wadopian contributed greatly to the experience which all felt.

The beginning of the Adult Bar-Bat Mitzvah Program is progressing with participants, Frank Goldsmith, Barbara Laibson, Barbara Levy, Barbara Lewin, Barbara Michalove, Dr. Doug Milch, Deborah Neimkin, Adele Rose, Sonja Shulimson and Lillian Wellisch, to culminate on Shavuot 1994.

Professor Neil Gillman, Ph.D., was our Scholar-in-Residence during the weekend of May 14-15. Rabbi Gillman, Professor of Jewish Philosophy at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America (JTS), "has a unique talent for engaging Jewish adults in theological explorations that stimulate their religious growth." He is a master teacher and has received rave reviews from congregations all over the country.

He has published extensively in the field of modern Jewish philosophy. His writings include: *Sacred Fragments: Recovering Theology for the Modern Jew*, regular contributions to *Jewish Week* and *Sh'ma*, assistance in producing *Emet Ve-Emunah* (the Statement of Principles of Conservative Judaism), and a forthcoming book, tentatively titled *Conservative Judaism: A New Century*. In addition to his teaching at JTS, he teaches regularly in the adult education department at the Park Avenue Synagogue in New York City and has served as scholar-in-residence in many cities across the country.

Rabbi Gillman's talks covered the topics of "Revelation," "Mitzvah" and "God." His thought-provoking lectures responded to questions such as

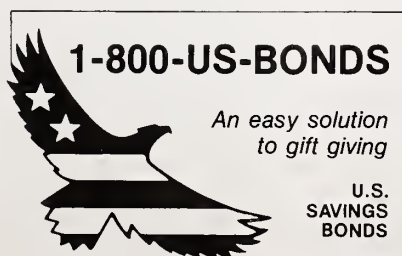
the following: What happens if we can no longer believe that God spoke the words of Torah at Sinai? In what sense do we still feel obligated if some of the commandments are changed in the course of time? How can modern Jews speak of God so that we can speak meaningfully of God's transcendence but still feel personally connected to God?

In Synagogue News, thank you to our office volunteers for the month of March: Larry Geiger, Joe Gullotta, Richard Harrison and Barbara Miller. A new member, Leni Sitnick, will be co-chair with Arlene Schandler, on the Grounds Committee.

This will be the beginning of a renewed effort and commitment to further beautify Beth Israel. Areas of the Shul property will be dedicated as living tributes to honor family, friends and events in the lives of our members.

Activities for the very busy Asheville Jewish Youth Group in the last few months have included:

- Skiing for a weekend at Sugar Mountain—Many thanks to Ronna Resnick and Deborah Beeby for chaperoning!!
- Visiting the Summit on Purim and delivering Shalom Manot Baskets to all the Jewish residents.
- Helping at the JCC Food Distribution.
- Making and serving dinner for the residents of Hospitality House.
- Studying for two sessions with Rabbi Birnham to learn the Birkat Hamazon.
- Travelling to Atlanta for a USY Convention—Robin Deutsch, Lauren Seidenberg, Tammy Gabai, Brett Schoenberg and Gates Hurand attended.



Temple Beth ha-Tephila Asheville, NC

by Marjorie Schachter

The Saturday Friendship Circle

Meeting at Dick and Irene Braun's, the group, after a continental breakfast and a short religious service, focused on the material in Part 3, Chapter 6 of *Liberal Judaism* by Eugene Borowitz. The topic was "Must We Observe All the Commandments and Traditions?" The far-ranging discussion was led by Rabbi Ratner.

The Brotherhood

At the Brotherhood board meeting on April 14, the quarterly brunch was scheduled for June 13 and plans were made for the Temple picnic to be held on Aug. 22, rain or shine.

Sidney Schochet, chairman of the Temple's chapter of the Jewish Chautauqua Society, reminded the congregation that the organization, since its founding one hundred years ago, "has been on the front lines in the battle against ignorance and bigotry on our nation's college campuses. JCS has contributed its voice not only to the tenacious fight against prejudice, but also to the promotion of the idea that knowledge of Judaism should be part of the intellectual development of any literate person."

The Sisterhood

At the board meeting on April 12, Rabbi Ratner suggested that the Sisterhood get involved with such organizations as Hospitality House and Meals on Wheels. Although several members have worked with these groups for years, the Rabbi feels that members would respond to a call for workers as representatives of Sisterhood rather than as individuals.

From the bulletin: "Sisterhood would like to thank Rosalie Schrier for her contribution of funds towards the Oneg Shabbats . . . and Leslie Siper and Jean Vachon for their delicious baked-goods contributions."

The Temple Seder

This was Rabbi Ratner's first Seder in Asheville. Held on the second night of Passover, it was widely referred to as the best Seder the Temple has had

for years. Certainly the best-attended, this festive occasion was a joy from start to *afikomen*. There was super food, catered by Kathi Shastri; there were the legendary Bob Janowitz matzah balls; there were zillions of kids, all remarkably well-behaved, and everything was right with at least the immediate world. Muriel Marks deserves enormous credit for having put the whole thing together.

Purim Party Thanks

A special thank you went "to Abby Robertson for the wonderful Hamantaschen that she made for the Purim party, and to the ABJ* of the Youth Group for their wonderful clowning and antics."

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Israel Independence Celebration

Temple services on Friday evening, April 23, celebrated the 45th anniversary of the establishment of the State of Israel.

Yom HaShoah Commemoration

On April 12, the Temple joined in the community's Holocaust commemoration which took place at Beth Israel Synagogue on Sunday evening, April 18. Early in April Rabbi Ratner said, "This year we commemorate the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising—an event in our people's history which proved to ourselves and to the world that we could and would take control of our own destiny, with God's help, of course. Out of this determination the State of Israel was born and thrives."

Outreach Program

About 35 people attended the group's meeting on March 6 at the new home of Kerry and Anna Friedman. Reports are that they had "a fine dinner and a most enjoyable evening."

Lunch with the Rabbi

The brown-bag lunch-and-learn session on April 26 was devoted to a consideration of Shylock, the caricature of a Jew as portrayed in "The Merchant of Venice." Rabbi Ratner used his article in the Warren Wilson College paper to guide the discussion. The article, called "Truth Will Out," quotes the clown in "the Merchant of Venice": at the end the Rabbi says, "The truth is that several centuries have not seen Shakespeare's world exeunt, but we hope his clown will be right: 'In the end, truth will out.'"

Congratulations

Mazel Tov to Scott Eugene Schreiber and his parents Max and Mary Anne Schreiber of Waynesville on his Bar Mitzvah. The services were held at 3:00 on April 24 at the Temple, and were followed by an Oneg sponsored by the family.

"My Son and Daughter the Senators"

"Not many Jewish mothers can say that," said Sid Schochet, "but Julianne Winner can." Actually no other mother of any persuasion can say that, as far as anyone knows. Julianne Winner's son Dennis is State Senator who represents Madison, Yancey, McDowell and most of Buncombe Counties, and her daughter is Leslie

of Mecklenburg County. Both were mentioned in the April 22 *Asheville Citizen-Times*, in connection with the question of whether district court judges should serve 4-year or 8-year terms. It was reported that the two disagreed.

The April 25 Sunday *Citizen-Times* carried a long article, starting on the first page, about the pair, in which the reporter pointed out that "both Winners have reputations as keen observers of what's right and wrong with proposed laws. And both speak their minds, even if the other Winner is on the wrong side of the issue."

Organizations

South Atlantic Region B'nai B'rith Women

by Laura Sutton, Chairman

The third South Atlantic Regional Conference was held in Charlotte, NC, May 14-16. The issue-based conference was entitled, "For the Love of Children."

Study Sessions dealt with interfaith families; children of divorce; developing self-esteem, and issues involving child sexual abuse, and child and teen substance abuse. BBW education and information were offered in workshops to enhance chapter and council effectiveness. Awards, Life Member Recognition, sharing, good fun and celebration added to our outstanding conference.

The Conference saluted the accomplishments of the year past and will prepare and inspire for the year to come. As with the season of spring, BBW's tomorrows are full of the promise of renewal and growth, but only if we, the members as a team, rise to the many challenges put before us. Our mission is powered by the energy to change. We can and will reach our goals, but only if we are flexible and prepared for the many changes confronting us and only if we fully appreciate our value as members of BBW and proudly communicate this to others.

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Crown City Chapter ORT Charlotte, NC

by Peggie Rovman

As usual, this chapter's members are busy as bees. Recently, a "Story Time" for two- and three-year-olds was held at the Black Forest Book Store in the Arboretum Shopping Center. More than 20 tots came to enjoy a puppet show as well as story reading. This program was such a success that it will be repeated in the summer for preschoolers at the JCC.

The annual auction was held in early May. Latin America was our theme. Everyone enjoyed delicious Latin American dishes followed by a goods and services auction. The profits from the event will help fund ORT's US schools as well as those in Latin America.

Installation of new officers will be held Tuesday, June 8 at the new Boca Bay Restaurant in Matthews. Husbands are invited. Dinner will be served. The officers for 1993/94 include: Ana Resnik, president; Brenda Lutz, fundraising v.p.; Ellen Wismuller, membership v.p.; Debra Goldstein and Claire Krusch, programming v.p.s.; Shirley Fytelson, treasurer; Evelyn Hochstat, financial secretary; Honey Kridel, recording secretary.

For more information about ORT, call Ana Resnik, (704) 846-4431, or Lisa Kaufman, (704) 365-5208.

Australian ORT Program Takes Off

ORT, the global Jewish network for scientific and technological education, is spreading like wildfire "down under." The Jewish day schools of Sydney, Perth and Melbourne, Australia are establishing ORT technical education programs in addition to their regular curricula, announced Sandy Isenstein, national president of Women's American ORT, who lauded ORT's spread to a sixth continent as "further evidence of ORT's continuing relevance to Jewish life and the world economy."

In addition to its involvement with the Jewish schools, ORT has established links with Australian government educational authorities that have resulted in significant coopera-

tion. The Department of School Education of New South Wales, the largest state, has adopted ORT technical education courseware and technology in all of its 27 technical high schools. An ORT demonstration laboratory in the Macquarie Technology High School, north of Sydney, has been designated a "regional technology resource center."

Raleigh Chapter of Hadassah by Linda Landau

Raleigh Hadassah's daytime study group is completing a two-year examination of the Prophets. Under the capable leadership of Sylvia Holtzman, the ladies began the monthly sessions with a study of Ezekial. Many thanks to Rabbis Bleiberg, Herman and Ornstein for guiding the group through the curriculum.

The evening study group, facilitated by Phyllis Senzel, has completed a course on Jewish marital status. Various life cycles were examined and discussed in relation to contemporary mores and *halachah*.

Parents of North American Israelis

In the Jewish community where there are many organizations, one of the best kept secrets is the existence of Parents of North American Israelis (PNAI). Although we hear a lot about individuals who are planning to make, or have made aliyah, seldom do we hear about the problems and concerns faced by the families they have left behind. PNAI is a support group which was established to help parents and other close family members



Everyday Sarajevo citizens wait outside each of the city's three free pharmacies for medicines transported by the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee. The pharmacies serve a total of 60,000 people per month, 20% of the city's entire population. Credit: Doron Tashtit.

deal with these subjects, maintain the bond between them and support the activities of North American *olim* in Israel.

There about 50 PNAI chapters in the United States and Canada that offer a common meeting group for parents and other relatives of those who are now making their home in Israel. Members come from diverse backgrounds and all walks of life. They may differ in their religious practices and political preferences, but they are bound together by a common hope and concern for the well-being and future of their loved ones in Israel. PNAI provides a platform for sharing the excitement and concern of having family members actively participate in the exciting task of building a Jewish State; it also offers support and a sympathetic shoulder to lean on when separation from loved ones becomes too difficult to deal with alone. For those not close to a city with a chapter, at-large memberships are available.

In addition, PNAI's agenda includes:

- providing information on, and understanding of, the realities facing the North American *oleh*—the joys as well as the rigors;
- lobbying to help improve the American-Israeli family link, e.g. PNAI's effort to eliminate Israel's exit travel tax [accomplished];

- helping the Israeli economy through encouraging and promoting the sale and purchase of Israeli products whenever and wherever possible;
- assisting *olim* in times of need including the provision of modest loans from the PNAI Emergency Loan Fund.

The national organization publishes a topical quarterly. The Bridge (Ha Geshet), which journalistically joins relatives in North America with families in Israel. PNAI is also affiliated with sister organizations in Great Britain and Australia. Most chapters also publish newsletters with information of local interest as well as articles written by members of the community.

We are very much a grassroots organization drawing our strength from the PNAI chapters which are autonomous in their program pursuits. Although we are aware of *olim* who are from the Carolina's the only chapter between the Washington, DC area and Florida, is a newly formed organization in Atlanta. We are now trying to find families who have children currently living in Israel. Our object is to provide further information about PNAI based on the experience of others and to further develop plans on PNAI activity based on the number of people interested and their location. We are asking

anyone interested in our organization to contact: **James Churgin, PNAI Membership Committee, 5225 Pooks Hill Road #113 South, Bethesda, MD 20814, Phone: (301) 530-1931.**

Hillel Activities at Clemson University Clemson, SC

by **Dr. Richard Klein**
Faculty Advisor

The B'nai B'rith Hillel Student Organization at Clemson University initiated its activities for the Spring 1993 semester with a Sunday Bagel Brunch on January 17. It was held at the home of Joyce and Richard Klein. The special guest at this event was Dr. William Baron, President of the Clemson University Faculty Senate. Dr. Baron discussed current topics related to the University. He is a Professor of Civil Engineering and a member of the Hillel Faculty Advisory Board. Ten students attended this event and enjoyed the food and the socializing.

The Clemson Campus Ministers Association, of which the Hillel Student Organization is a member, sponsored an interfaith presentation on Monday evening, February 1. Father Lawrence Boadt, CSP, discussed the Hebrew Scriptures: Job, Proverbs, etc. He is the author of the well-known book *Reading the Old Testament, An Introduction*. Desserts and beverages were served. About 130 people attended this interesting talk, including three Jewish students.

On Tuesday evening, February 23, the student group held its first Pizza Party of the semester. Thirteen students came to this event and consumed a lot of vegetarian pizza and soda.

The first Passover Seder this year fell on Monday, April 15. Nineteen students attended this event and they wore their distinctive orange *kipot* (*yarmulkes*). The students attended as guests of Congregation Beth Israel of Greenville, SC, and they were sponsored by members of the Congregation and the Greenville Federated Jewish Charities. Rabbi Jodie



B'nai B'rith Hillel Student Organization students and Faculty Advisor Dr. Richard Klein at Passover Seder, April 5, 1993. Photo by Joyce Klein.

Futornick officiated at this very memorable Seder, and the students enjoyed both the religious service and the food.

The final event of the semester was a Pizza Party on Tuesday night, April 13. The purpose of the party was to celebrate the end of Passover. Fifteen students came to this event and had a wonderful time.

The officers for the Clemson Hillel for the Spring 1993 semester were: Tamar Berkowitz, President; Steve Afrin, Vice President - Computer Operations; Beryl Bernstein, Vice President - Graduate Students; Steve Glickman, Vice President - Communications; and Shawn Chandler, Treasurer. During the semester one Hillel member was elected President of his Fraternity and another was chosen as President of her Sorority. The students are looking forward to a successful 1993-1994 academic year.

NCCJ Awards Banquet

by Estelle Hoffman

The National Conference of Christians and Jews (NCCJ) of Charlotte, NC, held its 22nd Annual Awards Banquet at the Omni Charlotte Hotel on April 28, 1993. This year's medal was awarded to Rolfe Neill, Publisher of the *Charlotte Observer*.

Rolfe Neill uses his talents to encourage the community to deal with its fellow citizens with intelligence and compassion. He has repeatedly written and published editorials favorable to Jews and Judaism. He exemplifies the ideals of NCCJ in encouraging fairness and equality amongst all cultures, races and religion.

The invocation for the evening was made by Rabbi Robert Shapiro, interim rabbi of Temple Beth El, Charlotte.

In his acceptance of the Silver Medal of Honor, Rolfe Neill exclaimed, "What a night of Joy!" He then quoted what he said is Herman Blumenthal's favorite Psalm, "How good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity," which is the motto of Wildacres.

The Medal of Honor was presented by Hugh McColl, Jr., Chairman of the Board & CEO of NationsBank. He lauded the many activities of this year's honoree, all of which result in Charlotte's being "far better off to have had Rolfe Neill." Because, McColl said, ours is a society that seems bent on dividing ourselves, Rolfe is definitely needed. We were reminded to take advantage of our diversity.

NCCJ sponsors wonderful programs for youth in its Green Circle and Anytown. Representatives from the groups' participants spoke to the gathering of their rewarding and life-changing experiences in NCCJ's programs, of which six are available to students from kindergarten through college.

The Annual Banquet inspires us to support NCCJ in its efforts to enable people to learn to live together.

Lubavitch of Raleigh

by Rabbi Pinchas Herman

Mitzvah Mobiles Roll into Raleigh

The famed Lubavitch "*Mitzvah Tanks*" fighting the war on Jewish assimilation rolled into the Lubavitch Center on Tuesday, March 2. The 5 "tanks"—actually mobile homes manned by 17 rabbinical students—are part of the innovative efforts of the Lubavitch movement to educate fellow Jews about Judaism. The "tanks" were equipped with *teffilin*, Shabbat candles, *mezuzot* and books dealing with Jewish topics, especially the Jewish concept of *Moshiach*.

The caravan is stopping at locations all over the country to bring a message of unity to Jews from all walks of life. "Every Jew counts and every *mitzvah* counts no matter what the person's level of practice may be," explained one of the students. "Thousands of Jews, from all walks of life have been touched by the "*Mitzvah Tanks*" since the concept first began in the late sixties by the Lubavitcher Rebbe Shlita."

Here in Raleigh, the children had an opportunity to visit each "tank"

and do a different *Mitzvah* on each one. Adults had a chance to speak with the students about Judaism and Jewish life here in Raleigh.

One woman remarked, "I have seen the *Mitzvah* mobiles on Fifth Avenue when I lived in New York. Never in my wildest dreams would I ever have imagined being fortunate enough to see five of them here in Raleigh."

Camp Gan Israel Shabbaton a Huge Success

In keeping with the Camp Gan Izzy spirit, the Shabbat weekend sleep-over for boys ages 9-12 was a week-end to remember. Rabbi Herman's brother, Aaron, and two other rabbinical students came from New York to lead the event. The 17 boys who participated enjoyed delicious Shabbat meals, sports activities, learning groups, bowling, batting cages, game room and go-carts. The spirit and singing were truly special and everyone was uplifted.

A similar Shabbaton is being planned for girls. For more information call the Lubavitch Center at (919) 847-8986.

Camp Gan Israel's Lag b'Omer Cookout

Camp Gan Israel once again kicked-off the summer fun with a Lag b'Omer picnic on May 9 at the Lubavitch Center. The picnic celebrated the Yahrzeit (anniversary of the passing) of Rabbi Shimon Bar Yochai, one of the great rabbis and kabbalists of the Talmudic period.

In Israel, thousands of Israelis both religious and non-religious make the pilgrimage to Meron where Rabbi Shimon Bar Yochai is buried and celebrate Lag b'Omer there with huge bonfires, singing and dancing.

Camp Gan Israel has been providing quality programming for the Jewish children of the Triangle for more than three years. This year the four-week camp will begin on June 28. Everyone is welcome to participate regardless of affiliation and background.

For more information, please call the Lubavitch Center at (919) 847-8986.

Lubavitch of North Carolina

by Rabbi Yossi Groner

Lubavitch Day School & Preschool

The enrollment at Lubavitch Day School & Preschool have seen a steady rise, thanks to the good name they have earned in the Charlotte community. Much effort is put forth by the entire staff at the school to make it a success. Most of all, students at the school, who number more than 120, have gained immensely in their secular and Judaica studies.

Lubavitch Day School & Preschool employ a highly professional staff that has shown an extraordinary ability in teaching and caring for the students. This unique quality of nurturing the young and teaching them the basic skills in life has had a very positive effect on the children and their parents.

A school picnic was held on May 20 honoring the teachers for a year of outstanding service to the school. The picnic, held at the Sardis Road campus, was attended by parents and children. The evening included

musical performances by children who expressed their deep-felt thanks to their teachers.

Visit to Blumenthal Jewish Home

Second and third graders at Lubavitch Day School visited with residents of the Blumenthal Jewish Home and gave a performance to remember. The visit was the culmination of an important intergenerational project undertaken by the students with the guidance of their teacher Courtney Pickett.

Children wrote essays on the life of their grandparents, interviewed them, if possible, and compiled a biography

with photos and facts. At the end of this tedious yet productive project, the children took a trip to Clemmons and spent the morning with the residents at the Home.

The children sang and performed a play entitled, "Too Much Noise," and demonstrated beautiful handprints created at the school. Sue Clein, director of marketing at BJH said, "I know the residents enjoyed the students' entertaining performance. It is always a pleasure to see children who are not only well prepared but are obviously enjoying what they are doing."

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went along on the trip and helped with the event.

Lag b'Omer and Shavuot

Lag b'Omer came this year on Sunday, May 9 and was celebrated with an outdoor lunch and outing at the Lubavitch Education Center on Sardis Rd. Lag b'Omer is a traditional Jewish holiday commemorating the Yahrzeit anniversary of Rabbi Shimon Bar Yochai, who was one of the leading Jewish scholars in the days of the Talmud.

This day also celebrates the end of the plague which killed many of Rabbi Akivah's students. As this day involves children, it is customary to have outings and parades.

Shavuot came on May 26 and 27. It is the holiday which commemorates the arrival of the Jews at Mount Sinai, where they received the Torah from G-d and became a nation unto G-d. It took the Jews 49 days to reach Mount Sinai after leaving Egypt. They were led by Moses through the Red Sea and the Sinai Desert to receive this most precious gift.

Children at Lubavitch school illustrated the journey with little feet climbing a mountain of 49 steps, where they reach the summit and receive the Torah.

A vigorous effort was made to bring as many children as possible to synagogue in order to hear the Ten Commandments read from the Torah scroll. This campaign was initiated by the Lubavitcher Rebbe Shlita, Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson, to reinforce the importance of Torah as the Jewish heritage to children of all ages, even infants.

A festive party was held for children and adults at the Chabad House on the first day of Shavuot.

Lubavitch Meets with the President

A delegation of eight Lubavitch rabbis, including Rabbi Yossi Groner of Charlotte, met with President Bill Clinton on April 29, in the Oval Office at the White House. The meeting was in honor of the Lubavitcher Rebbe's birthday which Congress proclaimed



President Clinton places Rebbe's dollar bill in charity box in presence of Lubavitch rabbis.

as a National Day of Education and Sharing.

Rabbi Abraham Shemtov, national director of American Friends of Lubavitch, presented the President with three special gifts. The first was a silver charity box which symbolizes the theme of sharing. The second was a dollar bill sent especially for this meeting, with personal greetings from the Lubavitcher Rebbe. In addition, President Clinton was presented with a specially embroidered Yarmulke which read in Hebrew and English "President Clinton."

Rabbi Shemtov explained that the dollar is the only currency in the world which has the statement, "In G-d We Trust" and the pyramid with an eye at its pinnacle which represents the eye of Divine Providence. Rabbi Shemtov explained further that when you reach the top of success, you must remember the eye of G-d oversees the world.

The President donned the Yarmulke, folded the dollar bill and placed it in the charity box, at which time he warmly said with great awe. "I will cherish these gifts forever."

The President talked to each delegate individually and thanked him for

sharing some special moments with him. It is noteworthy that the meeting took place on the 100th day of his presidency.

A congressional reception was held on April 1 with many Congressmen and Senators in attendance. The reception was addressed by the new Secretary of Education Richard W. Riley who is former Governor of South Carolina.

Secretary Riley explained President Clinton's Education Plan entitled, "Goals 2000: Educate America Act." He said, "Let us all commit ourselves anew to the wonderful work of Rabbi Schneerson and to his wonderful movement (Lubavitch) by creating a more educated and thus a more sharing and a more prosperous and caring society. We must insure together the vibrancy of our nation and, indeed, our world."

Mr. Riley took time out to meet with the Carolinas delegation led by Rabbi Yossi Groner, Charlotte; Hesh Epstein, Columbia; Doron Aizenman, Myrtle Beach; and Pinchus Herman, Raleigh. He gave the delegation warm regards from Sam Tenenbaum of Columbia who is a personal friend of Mr. Riley.

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Books, Arts and Media



Philip Roth, Moishe Pipik and a Cast of Thousands (of Words)

by Joseph Cohen

In *Operation Shylock A Confession* (Simon & Schuster; \$23.00), Philip Roth's twentieth novel, the author's now familiar protagonist, alter ego and *enfant terrible* Nathan Zuckerman (*Zuckerman Bound*; *The Counterlife*) is out, and Moishe Pipik is in. It's a relief to be spared more of Zuckerman's outrageous excesses in this new fiction, but a question immediately arises: since Zuckerman undertook his own reformation in the aforementioned novels, is not Moishe Pipik his unrepentant reincarnation returned to plague us with his unrelenting mischief?

And who is Moishe Pipik? Originally, he was, is (and will be) a character out of East European Jewish folklore, an imposter, an imp, a ridiculous *noodnik*, a boogeyman, the microcosmic troublemaking reverse of the macrocosmic Elijah whose mission is to make miraculous appearances to save imperiled Jews. By contrast, this Moishe imperils Jews. He is a "Moses" who leads them not to but away from the Promised Land. With the surname "Pipik" (for navel) he symbolizes the dangers we humans face once our umbilical cords are severed and we are cut loose to face the vicissitudes of the world on our own.

Moishe Pipik makes his newest appearance not as a separate person, as Zuckerman used to be, but as Philip Roth's double, a man who strongly resembles the author physically, bears his name and usurps his biography. That might be all right if the real Philip Roth didn't show up in this story as himself. But he does. With two Philip Roths constantly on the scene, confusion reigns supreme.

To help keep things straight, the novelist calls the imposter-Roth "Moishe Pipik."

In recovery from a Halcion-induced breakdown of substantial magnitude and still uncertain about what is real and what is not, Roth plans a trip to Jerusalem to interview the Israeli novelist Aharon Appelfeld and to attend sessions of the John Demjanjuk case (another example of confused identity: is Demjanjuk Demjanjuk or Ivan the Terrible?) Roth/Pipik precedes him there, intending to exploit Roth's fame to promote a money-making, totally lunatic scheme urging all of Israel's Jews of European origin to return to their former homes, a hare-brained idea given legitimacy only because the famous novelist is its advocate. The "kicker" implicit in the proposal is that by remaining in Israel the Jews will be annihilated in the future nuclear showdown with the Arabs.

The scheme is made to order for Roth's wit. Its platforms and springboards are perfect for his verbal acrobatics. Like Pipik, the scheme itself is an example of doubling: its counterpart is found in Appelfeld's Holocaust novel *Badenheim 1939* in which the Nazis attempt to convince gullible East European Jews, settled in Germany and vacationing at a spa, to return to a non-existent paradisiacal Poland where they are to be gassed to death. In *Operation Shylock* there are additional elements of gullibility, mental illness and involvement with anti-Semitic peasants which parallel Appelfeld's other novels, which is to say that the doubling and the black comedy are far more extensive than may be apparent to a casual reader.

Pipik's efforts to advance his plan and Roth's efforts to exercise damage control over his double's idiotic venture gives the novel most of its hilarity. Forget stability, reality itself is in jeopardy. Both Roth and Pipik are ill,

the novelist in recovery from his breakdown and his imposter in remission from the cancer that will soon kill him. These medical conditions constitute still another assault on reality. Pipik is being cared for by his girl-friend, a voluptuous Polish-American nurse (still the peasant) who is recovering from a case of virulent anti-Semitism. Despite being Pipik's ardent disciple, she soon finds her way into Roth's bed. Something else to share.

As if the doubling, the black comedy and the illnesses were not already too much, reality is undermined further by the novel's being set in Jerusalem during the Intifada. Instead of staying at the King David Hotel (Pipik is there!), Roth chooses an Arab hotel in East Jerusalem, heightening the danger to himself. He is subjected to terrorist threats, manhandled by an Israeli army patrol, kidnapped, and subsequently recruited for a Mossad-directed spy operation. It takes no great stretch of the imagination to recognize that the novel is, among other things, one great big spoof on all the political spy thrillers the American public has been treated to since the 1960s.

It is the Mossad-directed spy operation that gives to the book its seemingly strange title. At Mossad's encouragement, Roth reluctantly goes to Athens to meet with proponents of Pipik's return-to-Europe scheme. It is believed Yasir Arafat will be there. We are not told what transpires, however, because after Roth has completed this book his Mossad recruiter prevails upon him to delete from its publication Chapter 11 which consists of a description of the spy venture. It is the loss of this climactic chapter, explained in the long epilogue which closes the book, that puts Roth in the same position faced by both Antonio and Shylock in "The Merchant of Venice," the loss of the notorious pound of flesh (the vital pound in

Antonio's case is his heart, in Shylock's case, the pound is his genitals, and in Roth's case, it's both his heart and his genitals since Chapter 11 is the book's "heart" and its "climactic mechanism"). But he accedes to the agent's plea because the revelations of the Athens trip would be tantamount to compromising Israel's security. Choosing the moral highroad and doing right by the Jews (Roth's new factual/fictional stance), he has no choice but to take out (i.e., in another sense, file for) Chapter 11 and bankrupt his book.

Yet this novel is anything but bankrupt. Despite the elaborate Shylock joke and all the other spoofing, some of the platforms and springboards are there for Roth's reconsideration (reconsideration because these topics were all first explored in *The Counterlife*) of the real problems Israel faces in its struggle for survival. In this renewed exploration of those problems there is plenty of food for serious thought. Roth's great achievement in this novel is his superb capacity to blend grave matters with hilarious ones in a vibrant and versatile prose that seems to grow stronger with every book.

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A Breath of Life: Feminism in the American Jewish Community

by Sylvia Barack Fishman
The Free Press 308 pp. \$22.95
Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

Reminiscent of the influx of Eastern Jews after World War I and the Holocaust survivors after World War II, the movement of Jewish Feminism in America promises to breathe new life into the Jewish Community in the United States. Sylvia Barack Fishman is of this opinion and has therefore entitled her book, *A Breath of Life*.

The thought may produce a number of questions, to which this author

responds. As the feminist movement generally opened many opportunities for women, in Jewish life new inclusion has elevated women to equal education, new roles in religious ritual and service to the Jewish community.

In Jewish Conservative and Reform communities, women are now ordained as rabbis and cantors. They are counted in the *minyan*, traditionally a group of ten men in prayer. All of this and more, but what of the woman as homemaker and mother? Worry persists among some who are concerned with home, marriage and the Jewish population.

Sylvia Barack Fishman posits the claim that our new Jewish feminism is revitalizing American Judaism by the religious observance and enthusiasm instilled into our society. These desirable effects are due to new interpretations and participation, creating renewed interest in and devotion to the Jewish heritage.

The challenge that faces Jewish feminists is to avoid the disaster of abandoning the basic tenets which have sustained us, as they reform and revitalize Judaism. In *A Breath of Life*, the assurance is given that Jewish women together with Jewish men can meet the challenge to preserve the Jewish family and its future. Jewish feminists feel the enfranchisement of women is an asset and encouragement to the whole community, and that Jewish women can balance the current lifestyle without becoming extreme in any one direction. Correct predictions are difficult; time will tell.

**The Death of an American Jewish Community—
A Tragedy of Good Intentions**
by Hillel Levine and
Lawrence Harmon
The Free Press (Macmillan, Inc.)
370 pp. paperback \$12.95

The Death of an American Jewish Community, just issued in paperback, was reviewed by Alan S. Goldberg in the March 1992 issue of *The American Jewish Times Outlook*.

Mr. Goldberg was angered and disturbed when he read the chronicle of his childhood community in the Boston neighborhoods of Roxbury, Dorchester and Mattapan, MA. A thriving Jewish community of 90,000 was displaced by 120,000 Blacks. In the 1950s and '60s, real-estate speculation, urban poverty, redistricting, Urban Renewal that caused further housing shortages, and racial conflicts all contributed to the tragic demise of an American Jewish community. Both Jews and Blacks were the victims.

The Death of an American Jewish Community is a valuable study of what can happen to cities and neighborhoods.

Daniel's Story

by Carol Matas
Scholastic Books 136 pp. \$13.95

In April of 1993, the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum opened near the National Mall in Washington, DC. One of the crowning achievements of this new museum is an exhibition for children and their families called *Daniel's Story: Remember the Children*. Combining authentic photographs, film footage, and hands-on, re-created settings, the exhibit is narrated by "Daniel," a meticulously researched composite character whose experiences are based on those of many real children who lived through the Holocaust. While it does not contain graphic depictions of horror, the exhibit powerfully conveys the grim truths of the Holocaust—an approach specially designed to assist teachers and parents in introducing this difficult subject to children.

Using the same careful research that makes the museum project so unique, author Carol Matas has translated the historically accurate vignettes that form the basis of the exhibit into a fully developed novel. Daniel recounts for young readers the events of twelve years—from his happy home life in 1933 Frankfurt, through rising anti-Semitism, to deportation to Lodz Ghetto, Auschwitz and Bergen-Belsen, and finally to Buchenwald and liberation. Every

incident in the narrative is taken from an actual account, giving *Daniel's Story* a resonance that speaks for all the children who lived through the Holocaust—and bears witness to the suffering of the 1.5 million children who did not survive. By using the power of a single voice, the book makes the tragic experiences of a generation comprehensible to today's children.

Daniel's Story is recommended for ages 12 and over.

Holocaust Denial

by **Kenneth S. Stern**

The American Jewish Committee
193 pp. \$12.95

What Do Americans Know about the Holocaust?

by **Jennifer Golub and Renae Cohen**

The American Jewish Committee
62 pp. \$2.50

Reviewed by **Estelle Hoffman**

Denial of the Holocaust is the newest anti-Semitic lie. As witnesses to the Nazi genocide of the Jews die, this canard has the potential to become a mainstay of 21st century anti-Semitism. A significant number of people are already open to the claim that the Holocaust never occurred, that Jews simply made it up.

Holocaust denial is the focus of a newly released American Jewish Committee book entitled *Holocaust Denial*, written by Kenneth S. Stern, AJC Program Specialist on Anti-Semitism and Extremism. In the book's four chapters, Mr. Stern not only exposes the promoters and supporters of Holocaust denial, but also looks at political and historical factors that help define long-term plans to combat it.

Mr. Stern stresses that Holocaust denial, promoted by anti-Semitic and neo-Nazi groups such as the Institute for Historical Review and others, is a growth industry that must not be dismissed as the rantings of lunatics. Rather, it must be seen as the newest addendum to the lies that have historically fueled anti-Semitism, in line with the claims that the Jews poisoned wells, killed Christ, or are part of a worldwide conspiracy.

Holocaust denial, Mr. Stern adds, is doubly troubling because it is presented not as crass Jew-hatred, but as reasonable sounding pseudo-science and pseudo-history frequently written by people with PhDs. Deniers, or "revisionists," as they cynically refer to themselves, distort the minutiae and details of the Holocaust, such as the workings of the gas chambers or the number of Jews killed or the Nuremberg trials or Hitler's intentions, to claim that there was no policy to exterminate Jews during World War II. A surprising number of people around the world are open to these bizarre, but made-to-appear-rational claims.

Mr. Stern writes that deniers—whose claims have appeared in the classroom, on college campuses, in politics, in libraries, on computers, and in the media—must not be debated, as debate gives them the undeserved legitimacy they crave. Rather, he argues, their neo-Nazi agendas and historical distortions must be exposed. Historians and educational leadership, such as university presidents, have key roles to play in countering the deniers' handiwork, which frequently includes the offering of Holocaust-denying advertisements to student newspapers.

Mr. Stern examines patterns and purveyors of Holocaust denial here and around the world, stressing growth of the practice in Eastern Europe in the aftermath of the fall of communism. Included in Holocaust denial literature is hatred of Israel.

In his book, Kenneth Stern debunks the Holocaust deniers' claims by methodically exposing their scientific, factual and historical distortions. Finally, he presents ways in which people and institutions can fight Holocaust denial, through Holocaust education, museums, movies, articles and books. "Jews have to work with other groups, building common lessons from the tragedy of genocide. We have to exert political power, demanding that our institutions develop effective means to combat intergroup hatred. . . demand that government create incentives to fight bigotry on a day-in, day-out basis."

What Do Americans Know about the Holocaust? is a report by the American Jewish Committee, released in April, underscoring the serious knowledge gap of knowledge about the Holocaust. This information was gained from the findings of a survey which asked the following questions:

"As far as you know, what does the term 'Holocaust' refer to?" "From what you know or have heard, what were Auschwitz, Dachau and Treblinka?" "Approximately how many Jews were killed in the Holocaust?" "How important is it for all Americans to know about and understand the Holocaust?" "Does it seem possible or does it seem impossible to you that the Nazi extermination of the Jews never happened?"

In addition, there were a number of multiple-choice questions and a number of statements about the Holocaust which required comments as to their veracity and whether there is a lesson to be learned from the Holocaust.

What do Americans Know about the Holocaust? gives percentages of both adults' and high school students' answers. A majority did give correct answers to only a few of the questions. The figures are of interest, but most significant is the fact that education and not age is the key variable associated with knowledge of the Holocaust.

Differences in knowledge and attitudes about the Holocaust do not emerge on the basis of religion, political affiliation, or political orientation.

In the survey, 992 adults and 506 students in the 10th, 11th and 12th grade levels were interviewed in October 1992.

It is significant that the findings of AJC's survey show the serious lack of knowledge that exists for large numbers of both youth and adults in the United States about the Holocaust.

However, a majority of Americans do acknowledge the importance of knowing about the Holocaust.

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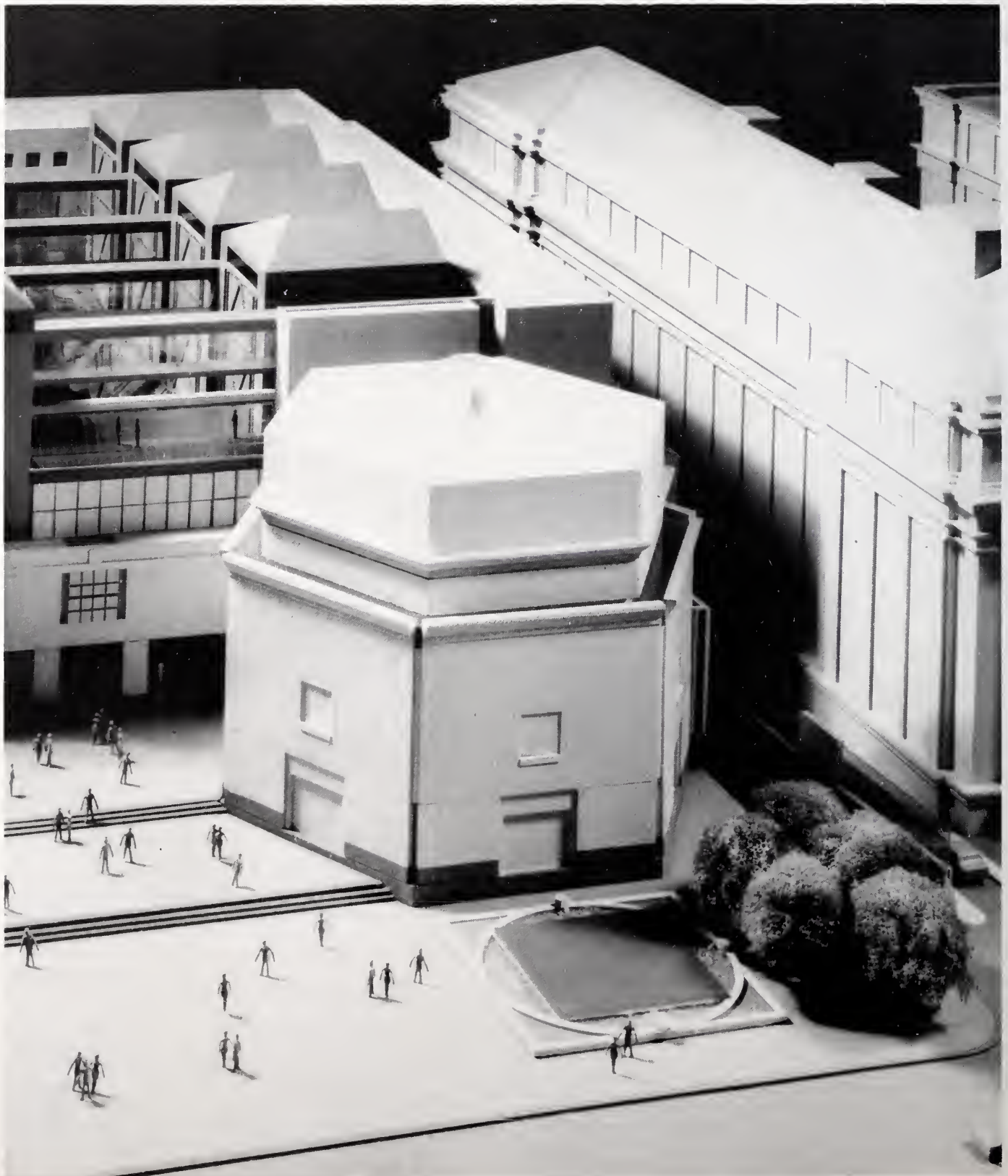
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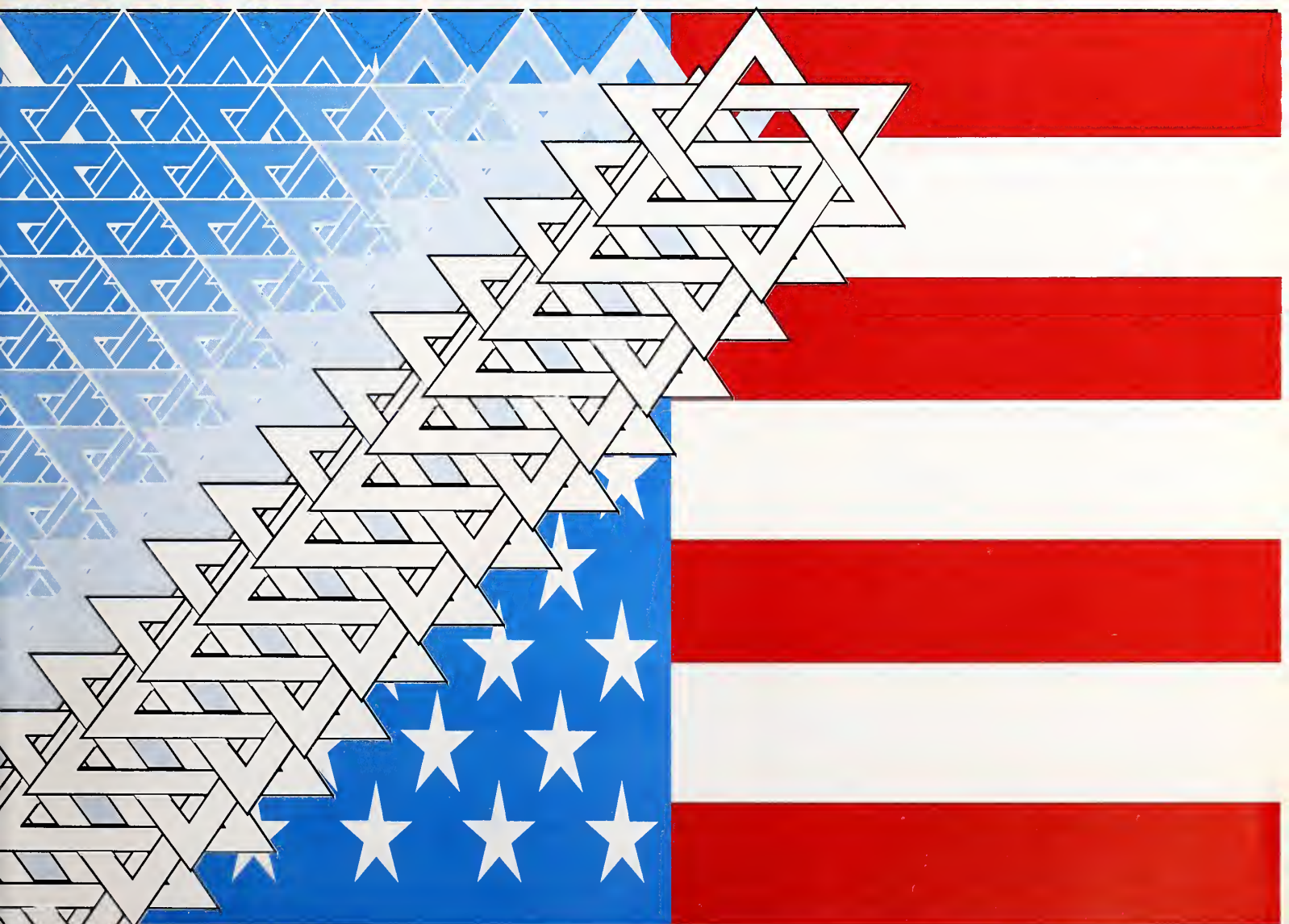
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The Fourth of July 1993

by Estelle Hoffman

What do we say and how do we feel about the 4th of July in 1993? Our Independence Day is celebrated every year, and after more than two centuries, especially if one has lived many years, the day may be viewed with little excitement. And yet. . .

Think of the histories of other nations who gained independence. Not unusually, hostile factions slaughtered each other. There is no need to recite examples that fill today's news. But here in the United States of America, our early statesmen bequeathed unto us a government that worked.

Perhaps it has worked too well. It is said that America has done so well that we have time to indulge in silly fads and worry about selfish concerns. We have been the envy of the world. Immigrants have come from every land to escape persecution, for an opportunity to earn a good livelihood, for the sake of their children, and still they come from greater distances and more exotic places.

America remains a land of hope and opportunity. Two hundred years are a short time in the life of a country, and like a young person, we are sometimes foolish; errors are made. We lack the wisdom of age.

Despite our troubles, we have freedom, opportunity and space. We do not have a caste system. The noisy voices raised in protest disturb us, but they are assurance that people do care about what is happening. We should listen. The ability to improve one's life to a desirable level of comfort and contentment must be preserved. I do not believe that we can continue to thrive as individuals, if there is a permanent underclass.

Jewish Americans have risen to a degree of participation and security never before equalled. Our choosing to live here imposes upon us the responsibility to work to preserve for others the benefits we have enjoyed, like our government's watching fringe groups of extremists.

Recent upheavals as our society changes will contribute to strength in the future, if we keep our priorities straight. We are at the beginning of a new era, the post-capitalist society.*

Predictions are futile, and there is much fear and pessimism each time society throws itself into a radically changing era. There is upheaval and turmoil. Such eras of transformation occur centuries apart, and they are difficult to recognize until decades pass.

People do not look about them-

selves and say, "Oh, here we go again. It's like the Age of the Renaissance." There is no abrupt threshold, beyond which one can see a different world.

We are living approximately 200 years ago after the great transformation of the American Revolution, followed by the birth of Capitalism, Communism and the Industrial Revolution. In retrospect, historians saw what happened to create the different society in which we have lived.

Now the entire world is experiencing turbulence as technology and leaps of knowledge are changing our politics, our ethics, our arts. We are confused by the clash between a world closely interrelated, yet torn by tribalism and nationalism.

Our time is exciting, indeed. Fireworks displays on the Fourth of July this year again light the sky with their brilliance. May they kindle new hope and confidence in America.

*For insight into *Post-Capitalist Society*, read the book of that title, by Peter F. Drucker, published by Harper Business, a division of Harper Collins.

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From the Editor

I feel as though I am meeting new friends from a different time as I research through past issues of *The American Jewish Times Outlook*. There is a charm, a warmth, and a glow that comes from these pages.

The sharing from community to community has never stopped. It is a gift that is given every month since 1934. The richness of family is here, in these pages and will continue to go on with you, the reader, spending a few moments reporting your news!

In this issue we have started a new column "Remember When?" I could not resist sharing what I have discovered while researching past issues. I hope you will enjoy reading this story as much as I did.

We will be taking on a new look in the next few months. Many of our readers have requested a magazine format. Please take the time to fill out and send in our readers survey. Let us know what you think!

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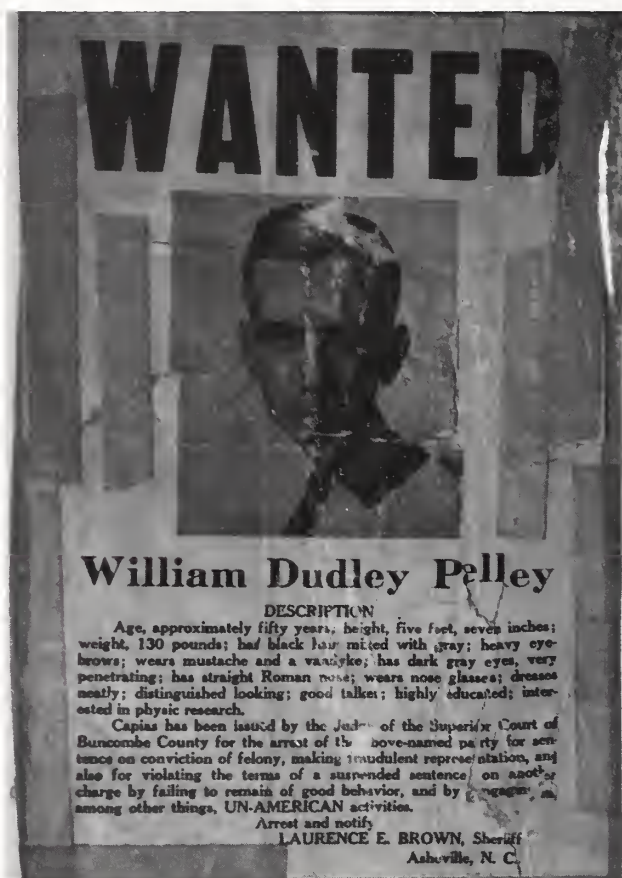
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Roaming the Past with David Schulman



I drive down Charlotte Street in Asheville at least four times a day. The street leads to the famous Grove Park Inn and is lined with large shade trees. Today the sun is bright, and my world feels renewed and safe. I glance over to my right and suddenly feel a hard kick to the gut. On this corner, in the 1930's sat the national headquarters of the Silver Legion and the "home" of William Dudley Pelley, the man who would have liked to have been America's Hitler. This is the story of how a small group of scared yet brave Ashevilleans went to battle with evil and won.

The man was listed in *Who's Who in America*. He wrote a short story that was included in "The Best Short Stories of 1918" and received notation of his work's

being considered of permanent literary value. He was published in *Redbook*, *Good Housekeeping*, and *Collier's* magazines and was even selected to serve as a courier from Ambassador Francis to President Wilson during the Allied intervention against the Bolsheviks in Siberia in 1919. The problem was that William Dudley Pelley had what he called a growing "storm of hatred and despair" within him.

By 1928 Pelley was deep in debt despite his accolades. He had formed an advertising agency in Southern California, sold real estate, published his first magazine called, *High Hat*, and founded a chain of fast food restaurants. Warner Brothers made one of his novels into a movie called, "Drag"

and even Hoot Gibson and Lon Chaney made movies from his scripts.

It was also in 1928 that Pelley claimed to have experienced a bizarre incident. In an article published in March 1929 written by Pelley himself, he stated that one April evening he died and went to heaven for just seven minutes. There he visited deceased acquaintances and acquired what he described as the secret to "unlock hidden powers within. . ." Pelley hinted that he may have at that time been chosen as a "monitor" to return to earth and be an inspiration to his "race." Over 5,000 people wrote letters in response to this magazine article.

Around 1930 Pelley moved to Asheville and started the Galahad Press and Galahad College for the study of things such as "Spiritual Eugenics." In 1931 Pelley founded the League for Liberation and also a church with himself as high priest. In Pelley's view of the world, there would be no competition, no rents, no interest, no currency. . . and guess what. . . no Jews or bankers. Surprisingly lawyers would be given a special reprieve to administer affairs in Washington; since most of their business would be dissolved. The day after Hitler came to power in 1933, Pelley started the Silver Legion of America, and he claimed to be the first man in the United States to support Hitler. The Silver Legion spread over the United States with claims of membership anywhere from five thousand to two million; California was one of the largest "districts." A militia was formed with Pelley as commander in chief. Pelley even rewrote the Declaration of Independence. By the mid 1930's the Silver Shirts were drawing national attention and had bases of operation in Oklahoma City and Los Angeles. On April 25, 1934 the Galahad Press filed bankruptcy in Asheville and a grand jury indictment was handed down that included selling stock in the Press without proper regis-

tration and diverting funds from the Press to Pelley's personal use. It was here that the Asheville Jewish Community came into play. According to Leo Finkelstein of Asheville, the local B'nai B'rith, Julius Levitch, an insurance broker, Alvin Kartus, a Jewish lawyer, and R. R. Williams, a non-Jewish lawyer in Asheville were all instrumental in getting this indictment and later conviction. Pelley was convicted in Asheville in 1935 and sentenced to two years in prison and a \$1,000 fine, but was placed on probation. More importantly, Levitch and the others had put a major dent in Pelley's evil armor. Circulation in his publications dropped dramatically and the Special House Congressional Subcommittee on Un-American Activities took notice of Pelley after the Asheville indictment. During the Congressional hearings, it was alleged that the Silver Shirts were even buying ammunition and guns from servicemen in the San Diego Naval Base. One corporal testified that the Silver Shirts were going to charge the San Diego City Hall and kill a Jewish law officer. Pelley even ran for President in 1936. He was able to get on the Washington State ballot only and received less than two thousand votes.

The hearings also turned up evidence alleging Pelley claimed that he would soon be dictator of the United States after the New Deal was violently overthrown. In April of 1942, Pelley was arrested for insurrection and sedition. Charles A. Lindbergh was subpoenaed for the defense though he had no previous connection with Pelley, but was said to be concerned about the freedom of expression issue. Pelley was convicted and served ten years of a fifteen year sentence in the federal penitentiary in Terre Haute, Indiana. He died in Noblesville, Indiana in 1965 after his release from prison in 1952.

After the recent newspaper hysteria over the David Koresh inci-

dent, I guess we shouldn't be surprised when we run across a zealot that crosses the border of what most of us would call sanity. I remember a heated discussion in college over whether Hitler should be called a "GREAT" figure in world history. . . whether the term "GREAT" should be used for such an evil man. Few people in history, "succeeded" in causing so much pain and hatred or will be studied and discussed for eternity, the argument raged. Perhaps "GREAT" should be limited to the unsung heroes who risk life and limb for a better world when it seems no one cares, or for the families left behind from wars with scarred hearts and broken souls. Maybe "GREAT" should be saved for the likes of Julius Levitch or R. R. Williams who knew the face of evil and stared it down till it ran like the coward it really is.

I recently heard a poem by Jim Wayne Miller. I could not find his book so permit me to paraphrase a bit. Miller says that you don't have to dress like the past, you don't

have to live in the past, but one thing you better never forget, the past *IS* living in you.

Sometimes an ordinary person does a great deed. Though that deed never gets known beyond a few blocks or a few miles, the echoes of that deed may last forever. I stop at the red light on Charlotte Street and look over to the driver in the car next to me. She thinks I am smiling at her. I am not. I am smiling that I can drive down the very same street as William Dudley Pelley, but this time I don't have to look over my shoulder in fear or rage. I quietly say what I know of the Kaddish prayer for Mr. Levitch and the others, and only hope they know how much they did and that they, too, are smiling.

Much information for this article was gathered from Leo Finkelstein, PHD, Proud Historian and Documentation of Asheville history) and from an article by Suzanne G. Ledeboer in the June, 1986 issue of California History.

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Israel Military Cemetery— Mt. Herzl

by Alan S. Goldberg

May 21, 1993, Jerusalem

Solace was shattered by the sound of suffering, the sobs of agony. The bitter salt of tears fell on my heart as I realized that others were enduring a pain that I could not—the loss of a son.

Two rows of paratroopers with their distinctive red berets cocked to one side of their heads advanced at a slow pace up the pathway to a burial site. Their expressions were grim, for ahead they will be laying to rest a comrade who had been killed in Lebanon.

Behind them, a small military truck followed. As the procession passed, I could see inside, under the shadows of the canopy. A casket was behind the tailgate and four more paratroopers in the vehicle guarded the remains of their companion.

A rabbi in military uniform also wearing the red beret of an elite paratrooper carried a prayer book. He must have been chanting prayers of consolation or prayers for the departed, but I could not hear him. The soulful cries and sobs of a mother, a father, a wife, a sister, a brother, I do not know which, filled every sensory entry to ear, sight and soul.

Here, I stood on an elevated vantage point on Mount Herzl next to the grave of Jonathan (Yoni) Netanyahu, the leader of the 1976 Entebbe raid and the only one to have lost his life on that heroic mission. And then I witness one more joining his brothers to help fulfill the dreams of the living and of those to come.

I think of the child Uziel whose memorial at Yad Vashem we had visited just moments before. He, too, is mourned by inconsolable parents who dedicated a shrine to the 1,500,000 children whose breaths were extinguished in the holocaust.

Uziel's memory lives in a domain of tens of thousands of candle lights that are the mirrored reflections of just six candles. This vacuous, cavernous room is lit only by flames and mirrors. As I search this hall of lights that has no dimension, I cannot tell which is real, which is phantom. One candle could possibly be the seed of Uziel, and all the others could be the progenies that never would be. Or could each light, each reflection be the souls of all the violated reaching to eternity. With no dimension, meaning was beyond the limits of the mind.

And here on Mount Herzl, next to the grave of Netanyahu, in sight of the paratrooper killed in Lebanon, haunted by the Uziel's memory, there is bonding.

*The bitter salt
tears fell on my
heart as I realized
that others were
enduring a pain
that I could not -
the loss of a son.*



Military funeral procession at Mt. Herzl, Jerusalem.

Mission to Israel - 1993

by Ruth and Alan Goldberg

Here is our link to the past; here is our sense of the future—Eretz Yisrael.

We had just arrived at Ben Gurion Airport, after an eleven-hour non-stop flight from New York, with eighteen friends from Charlotte, N.C. We proceeded immediately to a Jewish National Fund Forest in Modi'in, the home of the Maccabees. Once more our hands were in the soil in Israel. The seedlings were already brown from thirst, the rocky soil dry from the heat. Yet we knew that these plants would flourish as did the ones that we had planted twenty-one years ago. For in the distance, we saw a forest on land that had been barren when we had last visited.

We then anxiously headed for Jerusalem and passed on the way new settlements in the Judean Hills. Finally, we reached Mount Scopus where we had our first panoramic view of the Golden City. Below us was the city of our forefathers that has survived 3,000 years of turbulent history from the time of King David. It was a solemn but joyful moment as we recited the *Sheheheyanu* prayer. Neither the Assyrians, the Babylonians, the Persians, the Greeks, the Romans, the Byzantines, the Moslems, the Crusaders, the Ottomans nor the Arabs could wrest this city from the indomitable Jews.

The next morning we entered the Old City through the Jaffa Gate. The Arabs were still hawking their wares on Jaffa Street as we walked on burnished stones worn with time. Young Israeli soldiers with Uzis hanging from their shoulders were ever-present, guarding the alleyways.

As we entered the Jewish Quarter we saw striking changes. Where we had walked on rubble twenty-one years ago, we were treading on a stone pathway that appeared to belong to antiquity, but we knew had been reconstructed since our last visit. Where



Yad Yiladi Yisrael memorial at Yad Vashem to the 1½ million children killed in the Holocaust.



Ruth and Alan Goldberg are in the gardens honoring the Righteous Gentiles.

there had been no buildings, but only debris, now stood an ancient city restored to former glory.

What we found next was a startling experience. Our guide from the Archaeological Seminars took us underground beneath the rebuilt synagogues and homes of the Jewish Quarter. There we truly walked with our ancestors as we saw the Herodian Mansion that had been partially restored. Here were artifacts that had been used by Jews over 2,000 years ago. Above us were the concrete structures that supported the basements of the Jewish Quarter buildings, streets and shops. Beneath a thriving old Jerusalem we moved among the archaeological wonders.

We returned to street level and walked through the narrow alleyways toward the Western Wall, passing many Orthodox people



Ruth Goldberg plants tree.

along the way. The women were dressed modestly and with kerchiefs covering their hair; the men wore long black coats and wide-brimmed hats, *payess* over their ears; many young children held parents' hands or helped push baby carriages. Hebrew, Yiddish and European languages could be heard.

We caught a glimpse of the Wall as we approached security—handbags were inspected before we walked through the metal detectors. We finally reached the *Kotel*—the Western Wall of the Second Temple whose destruction in 70 CE Jews have lamented throughout the centuries. Jews pray for the restoration of the Temple. This holy place is the spiritual center of Judaism. We touched the ancient stones and felt our connection to our ancestors.



Archaeological guide explains excavations and restorations of Herodian Mansion.

In recent years, archaeologists have dug several feet deeper along the Western Wall, and the plaza in front of the Wall has been enlarged. Excavations can be seen along the Southern Wall beneath the Temple Mount. Surrounding the plaza, we saw magnificent homes rebuilt with Jerusalem stone with picture windows facing the Wall. Many *Yeshivot* are also located in this area. A six-branched candelabra in memory of the six million Holocaust victims stands atop one of the buildings.

Jerusalem is a vibrant city which has had tremendous growth since 1967. The population has doubled to 550,000 (about 10% of Israel's total population) with 73% being Jewish and 27% Arabs and others. The building boom is obvious—hotels, apartment houses and private homes are being built near the Old City; high-rise apartments are located near the Knesset. Beautiful parks and gardens are enjoyed throughout the city. On the outskirts of Jerusalem, several new neighborhoods have been constructed to form a security belt around the Capital.

Now in its 26th year of unification, Jerusalem protects the rights of all religious groups to worship at their holy places. Israelis may differ on some territorial issues, but there is no question that Jerusalem must remain the undivided Capital of the State of Israel.

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Children and their pets participate in Bikkurim celebration.

Have you ever experienced a Kibbutz?

by Ruth Goldberg

We had the unique opportunity of spending two days at Kibbutz Gaash north of Tel Aviv before and during Shavuot.

The Charlotte Community Mission to Israel had been planned to coincide with the dedication on May 25 of the Kibbutz's Cultural and Sports Center which had been donated by the Cuban Jewish Community of Charlotte, Miami and Puerto Rico. Participants in our group who were major contributors to the Center were: Abraham and Rose Luski, Ralph and Pearl Kier, Shelton and Carol Gorelick. (Other Charlotte contributors were the families of Isaac Luski and Samuel Kaplan.) Joining us at the Kibbutz were Abraham's sister Marcia Kokieli and her husband Daniel who raised funds in Miami, and Efraim and Sara Kier who raised funds in Puerto Rico.

In his dedication speech, Abraham Luski said, "About five years ago, we started to plan and develop ideas and with great pride we see our dream come true. . . This Cultural and Sports Center

will bring closer all groups regardless of their nationalities, creed or political beliefs, helping to educate and to pursue an almost forgotten subject: *Understanding and Tolerance* by creating good will in the field of arts and sports."

Marcia Kokieli cut the ribbon at the ceremony, and Ralph and Efraim Kier unveiled the donor plaque. Israeli Minister of Education Shulamit Aloni delivered the keynote address.

We all shared the joy that afternoon with our Cuban friends and their Kibbutz *Chaverim* whose dream was fulfilled with the opening of this Center. Other Charlotteans in our group included: Ruth Ascher, Donald and Susan Jacobs, Ben and Florence Jaffa, Dan Lepow (Federation Director), Miles and Nicki Levine, Tom and Zava Rosenberg, and also Roberto and Miriam Suarez of Miami.

Kibbutz Gaash was founded in 1951 by 120 members of Hashomer Hatzair Zionist Youth Movement from Latin American countries (Argentina, Brazil, Cuba, Mexico, Chile and Uruguay). Those young people had the will and desire to help build the Land of Israel when Independence was declared. Many of them fought in

the army and three of the young Latin Americans lost their lives and never reached the Kibbutz they dreamt of building. The Kibbutz, now numbering 650 members, is a voluntary, egalitarian communal society, living on farming, industry and professional services.

Farm output includes about 1,000 tons a year of avocados and persimmons, mostly exported to Europe; a dairy farm with 350 milking cows; a poultry farm fully automated and computerized, supplying more than 300,000 chickens a year; potatoes, hay and garden lawns.

The main source of income for the Kibbutz is a lighting factory which employs close to a hundred people. It produces outdoor street-lighting fixtures, industrial and emergency lights, all designed by the Kibbutz's engineering department.

When we first arrived at Kibbutz Gaash, children greeted us with roses from their garden. At a reception we met our hosts who guided us around the Kibbutz and took us to their very modest houses for a visit with their families. Every adult has work assignments on the Kibbutz, such as cooking the communal meals, doing laundry, farming, milking the cows, teaching the children in the schools, factory jobs, managing kibbutz business. Until very recently, children lived in cottages with their peers, and visited their parents after work-hours. Now the children eat and sleep in their parents' homes. In studies done of Kibbutz children, there was no difference in children's growth and development based upon either method of child-rearing. Life on the Kibbutz seems to be a positive experience for children—they are loved and cherished by all the members; they live in a serene, pastoral environment where they can freely roam; even though the bomb shelters are in their school

yards, they seem secure. We were told that although the Kibbutz population is about one-and-a-half percent of the total population, Kibbutz youngsters represent from ten to twenty percent of the army's elite corps of pilots and paratroopers.

These beautiful children performed for the Kibbutz members and guests in celebration of Shavuot. Some sang and danced in colorful costumes (made by the grandmas on the Kibbutz), while others demonstrated skills with Judo.

Shavuot, the Feast of Weeks, takes place seven weeks after Pesach. In biblical times, the holiday was also called Yom HaBikurim, the Festival of First Fruits when each person was to make an offering to God of the first fruits of his harvest, according to his means.

At Kibbutz Gaash, we spent Shavuot afternoon at a Bikkurim celebration. In a huge field, set up

like a fairground, adults and children had displays of animal babies, farm produce, wheat, tractors and ploughs, ice cream from the dairy, fresh fruits, products from the light factory, and gorgeous flowers.

Children led the formal program of offerings that they took to the stage. They wore flower wreaths on their heads and carried baskets filled with fruits and flowers. One group of children carried little birds that they let fly away at the end of their song; another group released balloons. Each presentation was accompanied by singing and dancing. The Kibbutz bakery presented a huge challah which everyone tasted when the program was over. A tradition holiday meal of dairy foods, including blintzes, concluded the celebration.

We thank our new friends at Kibbutz Gaash for inviting us to share their beautiful festivities for the dedication of their Cultural and Sports Center and Shavuot.



Charlotteans dance with Kibbutz Gaash members on Shavuot Eve.

Photos by Alan S. Goldberg

Dor L'Dor Generation To Generation

by Marvin Bienstock

"I can't tell you how much I miss being touched. I'm so lonely that I find myself talking back to my radio."

No, these were not the words of a senior adult. They were the poignant comments of a young man who is separated from his family until they can join him in their new community at the end of the school year.

For him, there is a happy end in sight. For most older persons living alone, their emotional and physical isolation has no desirable ending for them to look forward to. The saddest thing of all is that, for many of them, it doesn't have to be that way, at least not all the time.

On our visits to my mother in California, my wife always comments on the effects of her simple act of putting an arm around mom as we walk with her, "She just seems to come alive. The brittleness melts away."

As for the idea of talking back to the radio, it is a healthy action, considering the alternative of complete isolation. There are so many older adults who spend countless hours in front of a TV. They watch talk shows and news shows designed to stimulate the mind. They absorb the information, and yet they have no way of either sharing what they learn or of discussing their reactions.

"If there is so much they could share," said a Dor L'Dor member, "Why is it that every time I call my mother she tells me the same old stories over and over about her medical problems and complaints?"

The answer is that loneliness becomes all encompassing, all absorbing. When there is no one else who demands, requires or even seems to accept time and attention, the mind turns in to itself. In other words, "All I can hear in the deafening silence of

my life are creaks and ticking of my own body." The resulting attitude is, all too often, misinterpreted as selfishness or even mental and emotional decline.

What can caregivers do to help ease the pain of loneliness? First, we can be more physically affectionate, even if our parent(s) haven't been that way with us. We need to remember that a widow or widower no longer has the spouse who met that need for touch. We can replace the perfunctory kiss

"Why is it that every time I call my mother she tells me the same old stories over and over about her medical problems and complaints?"

on the cheek with a hug. Holding onto an arm or a hand when moving from one place to another is more than an act of physical support. A touch, an embrace, a kiss, the words "I love you," should be regular parts of contact and not just reserved for birthdays or other annual occasions.

Second, when talking with a parent in person or on the phone, it is up to the caregiver to help set the direction and tone of the conversation. Don't just talk about what has happened in your life but

what will be happening. Involve them and invite them to share the expectations and even the concerns over upcoming events such as your child's or grandchild's music competition, a medical appointment you have scheduled, a new development in your business, etc.

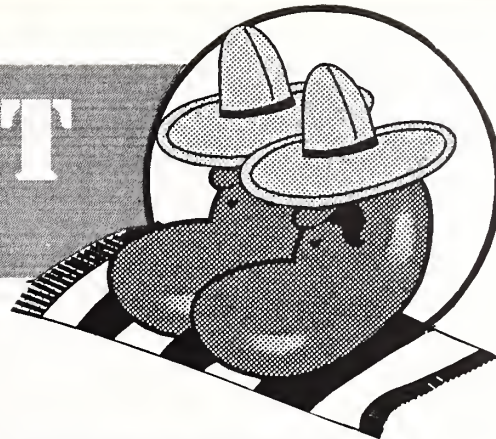
The idea of sheltering a parent from "problems" is a misdirected concept usually based on the thought that we are old enough to make our own decisions, especially when the parent tends to have been domineering. Well, you no longer have to accept their advice, but there is a healing quality in giving the parent a chance to state it. And, who knows, maybe their perspective is just the one you need to make a better decision.

Finally, there is all that TV. Perhaps you watch some of it also—certainly the news. Try asking how your parent feels about a current story. You may find out that they watch TV, but they don't listen. That's an opportunity to ask them to watch something in anticipation of discussing it with you. It won't be easy, especially if it has been years since they have been called on to be responsive. Studies show that brain function can be enhanced in older adults through the process of exercise.

Finally there is a wonderful extra benefit to you. Wouldn't it be great, instead of dreading the repetitive stories and complaints, if you could look forward to visits and phone calls. It takes effort on your part, but the reward can be well worth it.

Dor L'Dor is a monthly support group for persons involved with or concerned about the problems of aging for a parent, relative or spouse. It is made possible through the Blumenthal Jewish Home in Clemmons, North Carolina and co-sponsored by Beth Shalom Synagogue, Chabad-Lubavitch of S.C., Columbia Jewish Community Center, Columbia Jewish Federation, Tree of Life Congregation.

JULY COOKOUT



Recipes from:

A Taste of Elegance, Hartford Section,
National Council of Jewish Women

Whipped Salmon Mousse

1 lb. can red Alaska Salmon
1 envelope unflavored gelatin
1 1/4 cup consomme
1 tsp. Worcestershire Sauce
1 small onion, grated
1 cup mayonnaise
1 tsp. tarragon vinegar
juice of 1 lemon
dash soy sauce
dash Tabasco Sauce
salt and pepper to taste

Drain salmon well, remove skin and bones. Soften gelatin in 1/4 cup cold consomme. Place over hot water until gelatin melts. Beat all ingredients or whip in blender until smooth and fluffy. Pour into lightly greased 1 1/2 quart mold. Refrigerate until firm. Unmold, garnish with canned hearts of artichoke stuffed with caviar.

Barbecued Ribs

4 cloves garlic
2 tsp. salt
1/4 cup honey
1/4 cup soy sauce
1 cup chicken stock/consomme
1/4 cup tomato puree or catsup
1/4 cup sherry
lamb or beef ribs

Mix ingredients and use to marinate ribs for several hours or overnight in refrigerator. Barbecue on grill until done.

Whipped Salmon Mousse
Barbecued Ribs
Barbecued Chicken Wings
Grilled Lamb Chops
Vermicelli-Rice Pilaf
Garlic Bread
Spiked Watermelon

Barbecued Chicken Wings or Chicken Livers

1/3 cup honey
1/3 cup sherry
1/3 cup soy sauce
4 cloves garlic, crushed pepper

Mix ingredients and use to marinate chicken for several hours or overnight in refrigerator. Barbecue or broil until done.

Grilled Lamb Chops

Marinate in any brand of old fashioned French dressing, overnight if possible, or for as many hours as possible, in the refrigerator. Grill over coals.

Vermicelli Pilaf

1/4 marg.
1 cup long grain rice
2 cans beef bouillon
1/2 cup vermicelli broken into small pieces
Brown rice and vermicelli in mar. Add Bouillon, simmering until rice is done.

Fresh Spinach Salad

1 pkg. spinach
1/2 lb. fresh mushrooms
3 scallions, chopped
1 can artichoke hearts
1 pkg. garlic dressing made as directed

Wash spinach well, drain, and tear into small pieces. Clean and slice mushrooms and scallions, combine with artichokes and enough dressing to marinate. Cover and let stand in refrigerator several hours.

Spiked Watermelon

whole watermelon
vodka

Cut one hole in each end of watermelon. (Save pieces for plugging). Slowly pour vodka into each hole. Replace plugs. Repeat as often as possible until melon is saturated. Refrigerate overnight. Slice and serve.

Garlic Bread

Mix 3 or 4 cloves of crushed garlic with 1/4 lb. melted marg. Slice bread in half lengthwise. Brush marg. on each half. Sprinkle with salt and pepper to taste (sesame seeds optional). Place halves together, wrap in foil. Bake in 350° oven or grill for approx. 10 min.

"Remember When?"

"Remember When?" is a story or a report from *The American Jewish Times Outlook's* past issues. Enjoy reading and see if you can "Remember when?" it was written. You may find somethings are timeless... what was read yesterday still holds true today. *Can you guess when this was written? See page 13 for details on how you can win the "Remember When?" contest.*

Judaism and Our Youth

by *Rabbi Mordecai M. Thurman*
Temple Israel, Wilmington, NC

Many among us, as we grow older and see a new generation springing up, are filled with thoughtfulness, if not anxiety, as to their future. Circumstances have changed for us. A generation older than ours may have been wanderers like Abraham, diggers of wells like Isaac, strivers and strugglers like Jacob. But the younger generation has acquired the advantages of a newer and broader civilization. No longer wanderers, our children claim their rights as citizens in a land of culture and freedom. And we, whose happiness is inseparably bound up with their welfare, would seek to probe the future, to know the path that lies before them.

Nor is this an idle or vain thing to do. The future of our children depends in large measure upon the guidance and counsel we can afford them. Our ancestors knew from what sources they were accustomed to draw the waters of salvation and encouragement. Some of us are also acquainted with those sources. And that knowledge suggests to our minds an insistent and urgent question: "Has the Judaism of our fathers a message for this present age?" Is the faith of the Jew of ages past—the wanderer, the dweller in the

ghetto, the outcast and the persecuted—is that faith fitted for this newer and broader civilization? Has it a bearing on present day problems? Does it take a natural place among the philosophies of modern life?

Without doubt life has changed for many of us. The toil and turmoil of modern conditions leave little time for those spiritual activities that claimed so much of the attention of an earlier generation. And many are ready to proclaim the consequent decay of Judaism due to the neglect of its devotees.

Awakening Apparent

Yet, strangely enough, side by side with an apparent laxness in the observance of religious rites, deplored alike by synagogue and church, there is to be observed a great awakening of the religious consciousness in the broadest sense of the words. Modern literature records a constant seeking after a solution of the higher problems of life—not by a small band of religious philosophers, but by thinkers in every branch of public activity. Great scientists no longer regard with contempt the researchers of earnest minds into things unseen of human eye. More than ever nowadays does he write himself a fool who says in his

heart there is no God.

Moreover, the search after religious truth is an earnest and serious one. Men come to probe problems with scientifically-trained minds. It is an age that is fatal to superstition, an age that provides the very atmosphere in which religious truth can thrive.

Men and women who desire to be reckoned intelligent thinkers cannot shirk the religious problems that lie before them. They cannot afford, out of self-respect, to ignore the claims of the spiritual world. Given then the necessity for ranging ourselves among the thinkers and the serious-minded, there still remains the question: Under which banner of religion shall we enroll ourselves?

Let us admit freely that all great religions are doing God's work as far as the light afforded them allows, and insofar as their adherents are loyal and earnest seekers after truth. It is for each of us, however, to choose our heritage, and having accepted it, to make ourselves worthy of its responsibilities.

What are the claims upon us of our ancient faith, the Judaism which acclaims the God before whom our fathers walked?

It is the custom in some quarters to belittle the appeal to the experiences of antiquity. We are told that things are not good necessarily because they are old. Creeds are not received the more readily nowadays simply because of their ancient lineage.

And yet the appeal to the experiences of the past is not one that may be lightly dismissed. Life alters in many of its aspects, but history repeats itself and the human heart responds to very similar appeals in every age. Whether Jewish life be enclosed in the ghetto or free to follow larger aims it is on the old, tested, foundations that it must base itself if it is to build wisely and well, and if it is to fulfill its much-needed mission in the world.

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The American Jewish Times Outlook

"We Jews are an old hoary wall, cemented by history and destiny, mighty and indestructible. And the strength of that wall is the strength of our unity and mutual commitment, and our common futures, inextricably bound together..."

"That is why *The American Jewish Times Outlook* was started in 1934. *The American Jewish Times Outlook* is the literary Minyan of the Carolinas. Each month we marshall together each Jewish family and we give them pride in their Judaism, in their own accomplishments, and strength in the knowledge that they are not alone."
(Irving Gottesman) *The American Jewish Times Outlook* is the link between communities.

This month we are starting a new column "Remember When." It is a column that will reprint an article or story from a past issue of *The Times Outlook*. We will let YOU guess when it was printed. If your guess is correct you will win a *Times Outlook* tee shirt. Just fill in the answer and send it along with the Readers Survey.

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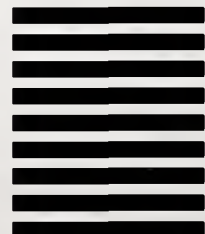
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Serving the Spiritual Needs

You don't have to be Jewish to feel at home at BJH

It was Monday morning on the B-2 wing at BJH when the "singing rabbi," as the residents call him, and a volunteer began to strum their guitars and sing in harmony. What does this have to do with religious life at BJH or what is usually viewed as "religious programming?" It has everything to do with the Home's view of the religious component as part of the total life experience of the resident. Religious activities are often seen as centering around formal worship and holiday observances. At Blumenthal Jewish Home, religious programming includes these aspects as well as a broader view of activities.

Eyes which brighten in recognition of the candle blessing; the voice, which knows few words, singing to the sounds of Havanagila; the bent leg struggling to stand for Hatikvah, are all expressions of Jewish identity being touched. The goal of religious programming at the Home is to provide opportunities for religious expression for residents of all faiths and different abilities and to provide a setting in which Jewish identification, religious and cultural, can thrive.

In addition, the programs are



Services in the Synagogue are attended by BJH and Fair Oaks residents on Shabbat and holidays. Left to right: Virginia Brown, Karl Cahn, Barnet Goldberg and Henry Mainenthau.

planned to create interaction and a sense of community among residents and between residents, their families, and the communities at large. Formal religious services, providing the traditional religious experience for residents, are held weekly and on holidays. BJH Religious Director, Sam Jacobson, leads Shabbat and holiday services in the Synagogue and wel-

comes volunteers, visitors, and family members to participate. The spiritual needs of non-Jewish residents are met by weekly services in the Friendship Room led by Rev. Fiedler, with volunteers providing musical accompaniment. Services are also held weekly on the B-Wing by volunteer area ministers for residents unable to leave the unit.

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Sam Jacobson, Religious Director



Rabbi Robert Sandman



Rabbi Thomas Liebschutz chats with residents during Rabbi's Hours.

Spiritual Needs (Continued)

Special attention is given to the spiritual and the cultural needs of the residents through religious activity programs. Weekly Rabbi's Hour, provided by area Rabbis: Tom Liebschutz of Winston-Salem, Richard Harkavy and Eli Havivi of Greensboro, Scott White of Charlotte, and Robert Sandman of High Point bring both intellectual stimulation to touch the mind and music to reach the soul. Volunteers and community group visits reinforce the cultural heritage and religious identity with programs such as monthly Havdalah services in the dining rooms, the Temple Pre-school shabbat visits, Chanukah candle lighting, Purim Plays, holiday celebrations and the Sisterhood Sunday Sweets. Those residents who are in various states of impairments are

religiously served with additional programs such as a special Passover mini-seder, listening to Jewish music, and individual visits from rabbis and ministers.

At the same time, educating the staff of the Home regarding religious practices and significance is of particular importance. A major component of the orientation of new employees is an introduction to the traditions, observances, Jewish holidays, customs and dietary law. In addition, prior to each religious holiday, staff receive informative holiday memos to increase their awareness and understanding of the observances and the heritage of the residents.

Moses Maimonides, in his Mishna Torah, expresses Judaism's dictate that a Jewish person is to study his heritage throughout his life, to the moment of death itself. The Blumenthal

Jewish Home provides its residents with a complete program of Jewish experience and activities through which their attachment to their faith can be maintained throughout their lives.

Moses Maimonides might have sung to a different tune than BJH's "singing rabbi," but they would have been in harmony, for the volunteers, staff and professional religious leaders make a continuum of religious experience possible at the Blumenthal Jewish Home for all residents.

WELCOME

May you have a long, healthy, and happy life.

Lois Cook
Winston-Salem, NC
Mildred Gelfand
Southfield, MI
Wyatt Snyder
Clemmons, NC
Basya Yudelevich
Greensboro, NC



Participating in BJH's religious programming are left to right: Rabbi Scott White, Reverend Bob Fiedler, and Edna Temples, volunteer organist for Friendship Circle.

A Vision of a Future

I recently attended the Annual Conference of the Associated Auxiliaries of Jewish Homes for the Aging in Portland, Maine with over 85 other people from throughout the United States and Canada. The Associated Auxiliary is affiliated with NAJHHA (North American Association of Jewish Homes and Housing for the Aging) and includes both volunteers, members of auxiliaries, and professional staff: Volunteer Directors and Development Directors of Jewish Homes in North America.

The title of the Conference was "Leadership for Today's Challenges — A National Summit for Change" and it was obvious from the start that Leadership was there and that the many challenges which face caring for the aging would not be ignored. The program was filled with inspiring speakers, stimulating workshops, and an opportunity to network with peers. Most exciting, though, were the dynamics created by a gathering of individuals, all professional in approach, whether staff or volunteer.

The commonality was the dedication to providing the finest care in services and programming to our elderly and the respect, concern, and love inherent in these efforts.

Cynthia Shulman, Keynote Speaker, spoke of the Visions of the Future. She voiced fear of the noticeable lack of values in descriptions of the exciting world in our future. We will be able to call our microwaves from the office and program our dinner over the phone, order groceries by computer and will even have robots to clean our houses and futuristic transportation; unbelievable medical, scientific and creative advances await us. But will we have children, grandchildren, and friends who will want to visit us, to care for us and be responsible for others? Mrs. Shulman spoke of those who describe a world of the future envisioned only in terms of *things* when we need to be concerned with values; love, commitment, responsibility to others.

"I got into this line of work because of my Bubie," said a Volunteer Director from Michigan. "She took me as a child to visit the elderly in nursing homes and said I shouldn't forget." Many heads nodded in agreement and eyes filled with tears as we remembered a parent or grandparent who left us with such a legacy.

We have many challenges facing us in the future. We can prepare our children and ourselves for these challenges by insuring that our values are part of our legacy. We can show our children what we want them to remember.

At the Blumenthal Jewish Home, our volunteers teach responsibility and caring by the example they set for their children and friends; parents and teachers show children how to give to and receive from the elderly when they visit. BJH is blessed with individuals whose values of commitment, respect, and responsibility are expressed through their participation on committees and boards, by bringing children to visit, and by supporting the Home in a myriad of ways. The opportunities are there to create a vision of a future in which you will want to live.

If you are interested in volunteer opportunities, intergenerational programs or visits to BJH, call Sue Clein (919-766-6401) for information. Call Bruce Schlosberg for development opportunities.

by Sue Clein



Executive Vice President's Farewell Message by Don Morris

It has been my high privilege to have worked with the Jewish communities in the Carolinas for the past seven and one-half years. I have been a part of the creation and construction of Fair Oaks and the maturation of delivery of services to a high and consistent level. This has occurred not through the efforts of any one individual but as the result of a dedicated staff, a committed Board of Directors and a supportive community. Working with the BJH family has been the high point of both my professional and personal life. It is, therefore, with a mixture of feelings that I have tendered my resignation to accept the CEO position of the Sholom Homes in Minneapolis and St. Paul, Minnesota. The Sholom Homes have two facilities with 450 beds and represents an exciting challenge. I will, though, always reflect with pride and affection on our years in North Carolina, the good fortune that Carol and I have enjoyed and the wonderful friends we have made.

Although I will miss the Home, I leave with the comfortable knowledge that the operation of the Home is stable, the quality of care excellent, and a good management team is in place to assist in the transition.

IN MEMORY

We mourn the loss of:

Ralph Fagg
David Merrell
Fannie Shandolow

May their cherished
memories bring comfort
to their loved ones.

BJH NEWS

Editor — Sue Clein

BJH NEWS BRIEFS: Spring Is a Time to Celebrate

- **LUBAVITCH DAY SCHOOL** students from Charlotte delighted BJH residents with their visit to the Home in April. Ms. Courtney Pickett's second grade class kept the audience smiling with an entertaining program of songs and a play. The visit wasn't complete until the students had a tour of the entire Home and satisfied their interest in learning about life in a nursing home.



The second grade class at the Lubavitch School in Charlotte delighted the residents with their charm and talent.

- **THE ISRAEL INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION** touched the minds and the hearts of BJH residents on April 26. The beautiful sounds of Jewish melodies were performed by a BJH favorite performer, Merri Robinson of Raleigh. Dr. Henry Landsberger of The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill completed the commemorative celebration with an informative lecture entitled, "Germany Remembers the Holocaust, a Special Ceremony in Dresden." Dr. Landsberger's remarks were well received by those who shared in the celebration of this important event.



Rose and Herman Nove are winners at the celebration.

- **BJH RESIDENTS** collected prizes at Spring Celebration. Sportsmanship prevailed at this annual event sponsored by the Winston-Salem Recreation Department and held at Groves Stadium in Winston-Salem. Volunteers and residents shared in the good times as they tested their skills at a variety of games and relaxed by watching the musical entertainment on center stage. Herman and Rose Nove, crowned BJH's King and Queen of Spring Celebration, received congratulations for guessing the winning number of buttons in a jar, 3500.



Mickey Samet has a good time at Spring Celebration with volunteer Frances Brenner.



BJH resident Claire Cass and volunteer Lib Queen make a new friend at the celebration.



Volunteer Lydia Thabet and BJH resident Ila Bailey plant some flower seeds at the garden booth.

• **MAYFEST** brought the generations together at BJH. The annual BJH Mayfest celebration was a glorious event with perfect weather and fun for all ages. Temple Emanuel preschoolers, parents, teachers and residents all delighted in the antics of a clown show, braved having their faces painted and shared in laughter that connects generations. Southwest Elementary School's fifth grade visited in the afternoon. Games, prizes and refreshments were enjoyed by the students who received cheers from their fans, the residents. Ages 3 to 103 enjoyed the simple pleasure of a spring day at Mayfest. Together they made the small connections that help to build the bridge of understanding between generations.

Clowns, Face Painting and Fun Bridge Generations



**The young at heart,
from toddlers to elders,
enjoyed the annual Mayfest
in the BJH courtyard.**



BJH Intergenerational Program Brings Letters From Students

BJH participated in an Adopt-A-Class project this year sponsored by the West Area Chamber of Commerce. Sandra Shugart's 5th grade class at Southwest Elementary School was adopted by BJH and invited to the Home during the year. The following are just a few of the letters received from Mrs. Shugart and her students at the end of the school year.

Dear Fredia, Sue, and all those who helped provide two wonderful visits to the Blumenthal Home this school year,

It was truly a good and enriching experience for my fifth graders to visit you twice this year. We grew wiser each time!

Each had such fun at Mayfest! And, as they commented, you spoiled us with prizes and food. The games we enjoyed very much!

At Christmas we had pleasure sharing surprises, songs, and conversation with the residents. Also, the refreshments were a real treat.

I wish you continued blessings as you serve in these truly life-giving jobs. The Blumenthal Home is a happy home where the level of care is superior!

*Sincerest appreciation,
Sandra Shugart*



Residents and staff cheer the students on to victory.

Dear Jewish Home,

I'm so glad we came Friday! I saw the residents, played games, and I ate the food. I think you over spoiled us. School is almost over, but I'm glad you sponsored Mrs. Shugart's 5th grade class this year!!

Sincerely,
Ryan Riddle

Dear Jewish Home,

I loved the day when we came and played the games. My favorite was the egg toss because I won the egg toss. I enjoyed all of the things you gave us. The thing I enjoyed most was talking to you. You are nice people. You have a good place to stand. Ms. Thompson, I am glad that you let us come. Thanks.

Love,
Eric Peters

Dear Jewish Home,

I had a marvelous time playing all the games and so did the rest of Mrs. Shugart's 5th grade class. You might remember me from the limbo dance. I was the short boy I got 4th place. I would like to thank Ms. Thompson for inviting us and coming up with the games. I had a great time talking to you and I enjoyed the ice cream sundaes. Thanks again. Hopefully, I will come this summer to see you.

Your new friend,
James Snyder

(I loved it: THANKS)



Southwest Elementary School's fifth grade class had a great time visiting BJH.



George Carp receives a visit from Julia Ossey and her mother, Isanne.

Hands Reach Across The Generations

- **GREENSBORO'S YOUNG LEADERSHIP GROUP** brought their children to visit BJH on June 6th. Parents, children, and residents gathered in the Commons for a social hour. Art spans the ages and served as a link between the generations as children and residents shared in making hand prints. Following the social, the Young Leadership Group enjoyed brunch and a tour of the Home.



Hannah Ackerman enjoys meeting David, Wendy, and Daniel Massey.



Kevin, Jason, and Graeme Ossey introduce the art project to Dora Bierman.



Members of Greensboro's Young Leadership group visit and tour the Home.

SUE's NEWS

BJH Volunteers Honored at Annual Volunteer Appreciation Party



Sue Clein, Director of Volunteer Services, presents an award to Millie Slatkoff, President of Temple Emanuel Sisterhood.

BJH Volunteers "roped in their spouses," tied on their bandannas and rode on out to the Home, not on the range, but to enjoy a little bit of the West on Wednesday, June 9th. It was the 7th annual volunteer appreciation event held to give recognition and thanks to the volunteers who give so much to the Home and to the residents.

A country-western theme prevailed with an old fashioned barbecue in the Commons. Country, bluegrass, and folk music provided by Craig Smith and the Ash n W musicians kept toes tapping.

Staff and Board Members enjoyed this opportunity to thank the volunteers for their caring and commitment to the Home.

During this year, 1992-93, over 130 volunteers provided more than 4,328 hours of service to our residents and to the Home. We welcomed 17 new volunteers, 24 Sisterhood Sweets volunteers, and volunteers with

organizations and groups which participated.

Flowers for hours were presented to volunteers giving over 100 hours to the Home during 92-93. In addition, Polly Strasser and Marsha Glazman of the Greensboro volunteer program, and Lib and Grant Queen and JoAnn Clarkson of the Critter Cuddlers program were recognized for an immeasurable amount of care and time given to the residents.

Volunteers with a minimum of 100 hours, who received BJH volunteer badges this year were Frances Bain, Frank Bionde, Ruth Jacobs and Darrel Mandelstamm. Recognition certificates were presented to organizations which have provided exceptional volunteer service to the Home this year: West Forsyth High School Anchor Club, Clemmons Kiwanis Club, Temple Emanuel Sisterhood, and the Carolina Association of Jewish Women and Men.

BJH volunteers are as multi-faceted and cheerful as the bright, colorful bandannas worn at the Western Party. They cover the age span from teens to seniors, they live close to the Home and drive from as far as Charlotte and Greensboro, they include retirees, 9-5'ers, and students. Their volunteer jobs are as varied as pianist, gardener, salesperson, critter cuddler, shopper, friendly visitor, party host, bingo caller, discussion leader, and dietary aide.

They are all individuals who share a bond of giving, of generosity of time and of caring. We thank each of our volunteers individually for their commitment to BJH, they make a difference in the lives of our residents. Together they form our growing volunteer program. We appreciate and love them.

Flower Recipients were:	Hours of Love	
	1992	Total Hours
Evelyn Bascomb	191	472
Roy Bascomb	191	469
Frank Bionde	184	253
Janie Douthit	213	917
Eleanor Leverenz	584	1,917
Darrel Mandelstamm	141	1,600 +
Tony Schwertfeger	604	2,495
Millie Slatkoff	100	555
Rose Solomon	529	746
Edna Temples	100	1,277
Lydia Thabet	100	203

Welcome to New Volunteers in 1992-93:

Guy Blynn	Steve Huyser
Zelda Bryant	Marty Levin
Orrel Chapel	Ann Malinzak
Edith Cohen	Jeanette Pilcher
Lou Cooper	Cathy Siegel
Charles Cunningham	Rev. Wade Tucker
Helen Davidson	Rev. Phillip Squire
Louis Friedman	Rev. Neil Beckerink
Flora Hanchrow	Rita Wittenberg



Lew Eisenstadt, President of the BJH Board of Trustees, thanked the volunteers for their dedication to the Home.

Volunteers Tied One On, A Bandana That Is, And A Smile! At The Volunteer Appreciation Party



Polly Strasser



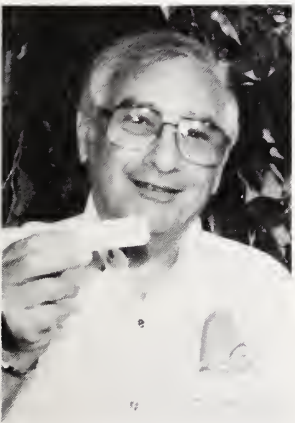
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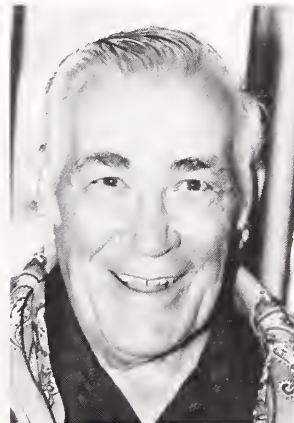
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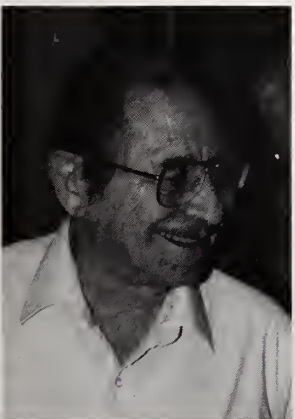
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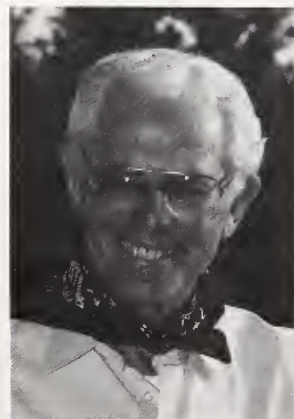
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AUGUST

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Lee Sample
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Therese Serxner
Emily Thomas
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Right: Greensboro volunteers Jeanne Fischer, Ina Fishbeyn and Elya Yevrulchina entertain for the June birthday party.

Below: Freda Hurwitz, who celebrated her 101st birthday in June enjoys a visit with her daughter in the BJH courtyard.



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to the following staff members who celebrate anniversaries of employment in July and August.

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17 Years

Lena Wall, *Recreation*

11 Years

Penny Pierce, *Nsg. Asst., Fair Oaks*

9 Years

Rory Blackwell, *Housekeeping*

7 Years

Sue Welch, *RN, B-1*

5 Years

Ann Canter, *LPN, Fair Oaks*

4 Years

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Lessie Smith, *Nsg. Asst., B-1*

2 Years

Novella Smith, *Dietary*

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Director of Maintenance

Jonathan Wright, *Dietary*

1 Year

Cynthia Clove, *Nsg. Asst., A-Wing*

Barbara Salmons, *Housekeeping*

AUGUST

16 Years

Marie Doty,

Asst. Dir., Housekeeping & Laundry

14 Years

Jean Garland, *Nsg. Asst., Fair Oaks*

10 Years

Vicky Donley, *Nsg. Admin.*

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8 Years

June Sealey, *RN, B-1*

Janet Sowers,

Director of Computer Services

6 Years

Jesse Clawson, *Maintenance*

4 Years

Mo Ward, *LPN, A-Wing*

Wayne Dieser,

Director of Dining Services

3 Years

William Anderson, *Housekeeping*

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2 Years

Joan Armstrong, *Laundry*

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Director of Development

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Lee and Alan Blumenthal visit her father, Fair Oaks resident David Levine, for the Parent's Day Brunch.

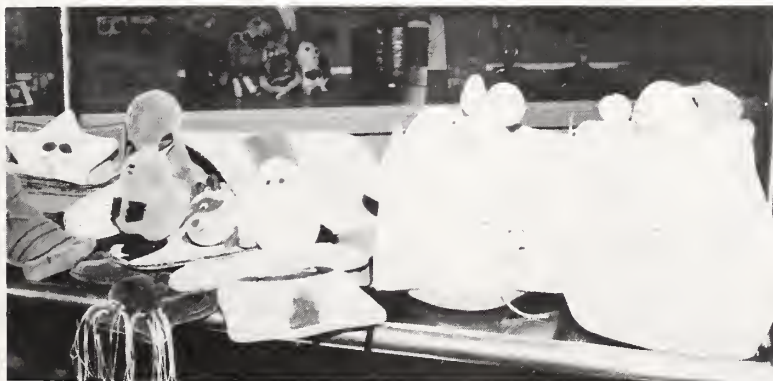


Summer is a good time for Teens to volunteer.

Pictured clockwise are: Greensboro volunteers Ruth Jacobs and Hilary Glazman greeting residents at Starmount Country Club, Joey Strasser chats with Fair Oaks resident Goldie Sandler, Aaron Strasser assists Ann Nelson to the bus, Chan Glazman escorts Lily Marx.



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CALENDAR FOR JULY

- 1 Rabbi's Hour with Rabbi Havivi, Synagogue, 10:00 a.m.
- 2 Catholic Mass with Holy Family, Friendship Room, 10:00 a.m.
- 4 Music at Sunset, "Let Freedom Ring," Tanglewood Park, 6:00 p.m.
- 6 Homewide Birthday Party, Greensboro Volunteers, Commons Auditorium, 1:30 p.m.
- 8 Musical Performance by Dan Nichols: "Jewish Folk Music," Commons Auditorium, 2:00 p.m.
- 11 Brenner Concert — Dixieland Band — "New Orleans Jazz" — Commons Auditorium, 3:00 p.m.
- 13 Leave for Clemmons, Senior Citizens' Luncheon, 10:15 p.m.
- 14 Rabbi's Hour with Rabbi Liebschutz, Synagogue, 2:00 p.m.
- 15 Musical performance by Kenneth Griggs, Classical Pianist, Commons Auditorium, 2:30 p.m.
- 16 Leave for Winston-Salem, Hanes Mall Shopping, 9:30 a.m.
- 18 Piano Music with Steve Huyser, Upper Commons, 2:00 p.m.
- 19 Rabbi's Hour with Rabbi Harkavy, Synagogue, 11:00 a.m.
- 23 Western Day, Commons Auditorium, Music and Square Dancing, 2:30 p.m.
- 25 Brenner Concert, Savoy Hot Five Swing Band, Commons Auditorium, 3:00 p.m.

The Parent's Day Brunch is a popular event at BJH.

Seen below are Mickey Samet, a proud mother and grandmother, a young visitor, and Shirley Lynch. Tony Schwertfeger and Naomi Kaplan enjoying the brunch.



CALENDAR FOR AUGUST

- 1 Sunday Sweets with Sisterhood, Temple Emanuel, Upper Commons, 2:30 p.m.
- 3 Homewide Birthday Party, Greensboro Volunteers, Commons Auditorium, 1:30 p.m.
- 5 Rabbi's Hour with Rabbi Havivi, Synagogue, 10:00 a.m.
- 6 Catholic Mass with Holy Family, Friendship Room, 10:00 a.m.
- 8 Brenner Concert, Susan Aizenman, "Yiddish and Hebrew Music," Commons Auditorium, 3:00 p.m.
- 10 Leave for Clemmons, Senior Citizens' Luncheon, 10:15 a.m.
- 11 Rabbi's Hour with Rabbi Liebschutz, Synagogue, 2:00 p.m.
- 16 Rabbi's Hour with Rabbi Harkavy, Synagogue, 11:00 a.m.
- 20 Leave for Winston-Salem, Shopping at Hanes Mall, 9:30 a.m.
- 22 Brenner Concert, Centinal Squares, Square Dancers, Commons Auditorium, 3:00 p.m.
- 27 Homemade ice cream party, Courtyard, 2:30 p.m.



What's Developing?

by Bruce Schlosberg
Director of Development

Charitable Remainder Trust and Tribute to Grandma

GIVING AND GETTING — THE CHARITABLE REMAINDER TRUST

Over the past year, we have featured information about the Charitable Remainder Trust (CRT) in this column. The CRT is an opportunity for a donor to give as well as to get. It can help people of modest means as well as people of affluence. The advantages include income, income tax deductions, avoidance of capital gains, transfer of wealth to the next generation, and the gratification of leaving an endowment to charity. Is this a win-win situation? We think so.

In order to show how a CRT could affect you, we shall be featuring different scenarios during the next year. We encourage you to consult your lawyer and/or accountant to ask them how this scenario applies to you.

Scenario

Morris and Sarah, age 65
Company Executive — with
Company Stock
\$100,000 in stock purchases which
appreciated to \$500,000

The Situation

Morris has been an executive with the Acme Kreplach Company for 35 years and has decided to retire. Morris and Sarah were wise and bought company stock when it was offered. At his retirement, he had accumulated \$500,000 in stock.

The Problem

The problem Morris has is that the stock only provides a dividend of around 2% with moderate growth. He would like to increase his retirement

income plus diversify his holdings so that it is not all in one company. But, if he sells the stock, he will have to pay over \$140,000 in capital gains.

A Solution

If Morris were to choose a charitable alternative, he could *avoid the capital gains tax* altogether, and receive \$134,000 in current income tax deductions. Over a lifetime, both Morris and Sarah would receive \$322,570 in after-tax income (based on a portfolio model).

The Comparative Benefit

The CRT would provide Morris and Sarah with \$135,000 more in income if they had done nothing and with

\$70,000 more income if they had sold the stock and reinvested it in utility stocks.

The Ultimate Benefit

A portion of the income generated from the trust was used to pay for insurance premiums (\$322,570 is net of insurance premiums) which will result in a net estate to heirs of \$635,345. (The same had Morris and Sarah done nothing.) The total family benefit would be \$957,915. The endowment to the Home would be \$746,642. Total benefit would be \$1,704,557. If you have any questions after looking at the following graph, please call Bruce Schlosberg at 919-766-3035.



	No Change	Sale + Reinvestment	Charitable Alternative
FMV of Property	\$ 500,000	\$500,000	\$ 500,000
Income Tax Deduction	0	0	\$ 134,310
Capital Gains Tax on Sale	0	(\$140,000)	0

Lifetime Spendable Income¹	\$ 187,039	\$250,324	\$ 322,570
Gross Value of Estate ²	\$1,003,567	\$537,582	0
Estate Taxes	(\$ 371,320)	(\$198,905)	0
Net Estate to Heirs	\$ 632,247	\$338,677	\$ 635,345

Total Family Benefit	\$ 819,286	\$589,001	\$ 957,915
Endowment to Charity	0	0	\$ 746,642
Total Benefit	\$ 819,286	\$589,001	\$1,704,557

500,000 Fair Market Value with 100,000 basis (2% Dividend and 3.5% growth)
Reinvestment in Utility Stocks 6% dividend + 2% growth

- 1) Dividend income during lifetime of Morris and Sarah
- 2) Appreciated growth of investment during lifetime of Morris and Sarah



MENSCH NIGHT A SUCCESS

Over 100 people showed their support for the Home by attending the 5th Annual Mensch Night on June 1st at Temple Emmanuel in Greensboro. The evening featured a very entertaining talk by the Voice of the North Carolina Tarheels, Woody Durham. The Home wants to thank Al Herman and Bert Lynch for their tireless efforts in making this program a success.



Irv Camras and Bert Lynch at Mensch Night.

DOR L'DOR

Dor L'Dor (from generation to generation) was the perfect name for a community program started by the Blumenthal Jewish Home in 1992. The program is a support group for caregivers who are dealing with an aging parent. In some instances, the caregiver is also a parent who is dealing with aging children.

The program is sponsored by the Home in conjunction with synagogues, Jewish Social Service Agencies/Federations, and other Jewish organizations in six communities. They are Columbia and Greenville, South Carolina, Durham/Chapel Hill, Raleigh, Greensboro, and Charlotte, North Carolina. If you are a resident of these communities and a caregiver and would like to participate in Dor L'Dor, please contact your local Federation or call Bruce Schlosberg at 919-766-3035.

PERSONAL OBSERVATIONS

Recently, I was attending a Dor L'Dor program in Greenville, South Carolina. One of the participants shared a tribute which a friend of hers had written for his grandmother. It was so touching and poignant that I asked her to obtain permission for publication in the *Times Outlook*. Such permission has been granted. As you read this touching tribute, ask yourself what you see when you see an elderly person. Do you just see the outside or do you take the time to understand what is in the inside? Thank you, John Martin.

TRIBUTE TO GRANDMA

There was a time when people believed there existed a better opportunity for a life in a far off country called America. They came by the thousands, packed like animals on giant ships to the City of New York. It was these same people who formed the backbone of the most powerful nation on earth — all sharing the simple belief that hard work would be rewarded — and that a better life lay ahead for themselves and their families. These people changed the world like no other group in history. And, we, as descendants of one of the members of this glorious group of pioneers, are sad to see our matriarch, my grandmother, pass on.

Life is a funny thing. The only truth life offers us is that we all die and that we will have some suffering along the way. But my grandmother exemplified the most precious lesson of life — life is meant to be *enjoyed*.

Margherita Dapice Maddaluni toiled in fields of a faraway land, traversed the ocean with a daughter, began a new life in a strange land, witnessed two world wars, raised children through a depression, travelled by cart and horse and by jumbo jets, saw telegraphs become satellites, and saw her children's children give birth to more children.

To me she was a grandmother, but I realize she was also a baby, a little girl, a sister, a cousin, a fiancée, a wife,

a mother, a grandmother and a great-grandmother. I realize she has been every part, played every role of what we call a family. And, although I may not have understood everything she said and never knew what we had in common, aside from our blood, I know what it is she has passed on to me, to my entire family . . . it is the healing power of laughter. Whether it was a holiday gathering, a wedding, a birthday or even a funeral . . . I see my grandmother pointing out the window so I would look away as she took some food from my plate . . . I see my grandmother's cane as a toll gate for her great grandchildren to negotiate a path around . . . what I see is my family laughing . . . what I see is a woman finding humor in all the struggles that life offers.

Happiness was defined to me once as the unintended side effect of one's personal dedication to a cause greater than oneself. For my grandmother that cause was her family, it was the children, it was, and still is, all of us. She laughed and cried, argued and forgave, she loved and cared, in short she *lived* life.

As I flew into New York this past Tuesday, I looked out the plane window. I didn't see Ellis Island, or the Statue of Liberty, I didn't see the unanswered questions of a fate that 97 years of life must bring. But I now see my grandmother sitting at the window of her Mineola home, or my aunt's Brooklyn home, looking outside . . . I see myself approaching her and asking "Grandma what are you doing?" — "nothing" after all she has seen — "Grandma what are you doing?" — "nothing"! Looking back now, you were doing much more than "nothing" — you were looking at life through the eyes and hearts and minds of an entire generation — an entire family. I know you are looking at us now as we mourn, but you are helping us find laughter and love as we struggle with accepting your death.

You are the queen of our family — long may you reign! Sleep well.

John Martin

April 15, 1993



Helping to make Mensch Night a success for the Blumenthal Jewish Home are, left to right: Billy Cassell, Randall Kaplan, Hank Guttman, and Ken Eisenburg.

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Being mensch while having a good time are Glenn Chrystal and Andy Fields.

Homosexuals in the Army

by Eetta Prince-Gibson

(WZPS) Has the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) opened its ranks to gays and lesbians? The answer is yes-and no. Official military policy responds with a qualified yes. But in practice, the answer may be somewhat different.

Until recently, homosexuality in Israel had not been discussed openly. In February 1993, the topic was brought to the Israeli public's attention when MK Yael Dayan, Chairwoman of the Knesset Committee on the Status of Women, organized a conference of homosexuals in the parliament building at the Knesset. Eleven MK's from across the political spectrum attended, while protesting religious and ultra-religious MK's, boycotted the meetings. The proceedings were televised live, and the debate was on.

The passionate testimony of Professor Uzi Even, now Dean of the Department of Chemistry at Tel Aviv University, did much to spark that debate. Professor Even, a professed homosexual, revealed that he had been forced, under protest, to retire from the army several years ago because of his homosexuality. He was deprived of his rank and discharged after 15 years of service in a highly sensitive security position. "I was in despair," he told his audience. "Why wouldn't they let me contribute to my country?"

Official military policy does not define homosexuality as an illness or as deviant behavior. According to Lt. Col. Moshe Fogel, an IDF spokesman, homosexuality is not grounds for a discharge and should certainly not affect promotion or advancement.

However, problems may arise for those requiring high-level security clearance. The IDF has a special screening system for homosexuals, designed to detect what Fogel termed "other possible mental difficulties or disabilities."

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"The problem is the possibility of blackmail in highly sensitive positions," Fogel explained. "If a person has not declared his homosexuality, he could be blackmailed. But if he has come out of the closet, then there is no problem."

But if there is no problem-why the screening procedure, which is applied almost exclusively to homosexuals and lesbians? According to Dan Yakir, attorney for the Association for Civil Rights in Israel, the procedure is discriminatory and illegal, although its legality has yet to be tested in the courts. And while homosexuality is not a categorical reason for discharge, Yakir contends that homosexuals' opportunities for service are severely limited. They may not serve in intelligence or in other similar positions. And, Yakir notes, army regulations mandate their supervision, although this is seldom enforced.

Those emphasizing the military's relative openness point to the case of Col. Doron Meizel, an acknowledged homosexual. For more than a decade, until his death from melanoma a year ago, Meizel held a series of high-ranking positions in the Israeli army, including head of its medical corps training center. But Meizel's friends claim he was passed over for higher promotions.

Official policy is one thing, but social reality may be quite another. The army can issue regulations, but it cannot regulate opinions and attitudes. A homosexual who comes out of the closet, may well encounter the same prejudice and homophobic attitudes he would find in society at large.

"If a person was competing for a high-level position in the army, I hardly think that declaring himself a homosexual would guarantee his promotion," admits Fogel.

Both army spokesmen and gay rights advocates agree that while advancement within the army may be limited, conscripts are not rejected because of their sexual preferences. Army service is compulsory for most 18-year-old men and women in Israel. It is not a rite of passage, but an important socialization experience and a key to future career and social opportunities.

"We know that serving in the IDF is a major stepping stone into adult life," states Fogel. "And the IDF has no intention of stigmatizing someone because he or she is gay."

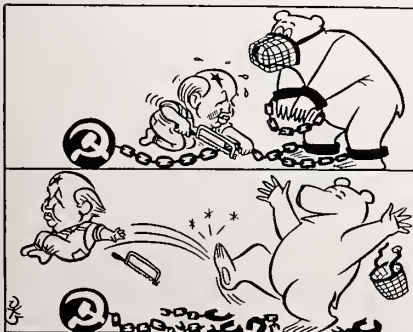
But because conscripted army service is then followed by regular reserve duty until age 45, the IDF reflects prevailing social attitudes and mores. A.J., currently a student at the Hebrew University, agrees that he did not experience

official discrimination during his army service—but nevertheless believes that his homosexuality prevented him from receiving choice assignments and positions. “No one ever said anything officially,” he recalls. “But I know that I was held back because I am gay. One of my officers tried to get me kicked out of the army altogether.”

Fogel says the IDF does not keep statistics on the numbers and units of homosexuals and lesbians who have served in the armed forces. But there are few openly-acknowledged homosexuals among the 18-year-old conscripts, partly because some young people do not form their final sexual identity until later in life, but largely because the soldiers know that admitting their homosexuality could cost them prized positions in elite units. Acknowledged homosexuals are found more frequently among the older career and reserve soldiers, who feel more secure in their personal lives and are more willing to be open.

Homosexuals feel the gap between formal legislation and social practice. Unlike legislation in many other Western countries, Israeli law defines sexual relations between consenting adults as their own private affair. However, the law has only recently granted homosexual couples a begrudging recognition, and homosexual lobbies wield no political power.

It is a sign of the changing times that the Israeli public has begun an open discussion of homosexuality. And the IDF, which is so much a part of Israeli society, has a major role in that debate.



Ze'ev (Ya'akov Farkash), "Ha'aretz", 23.12.91

Beyond Words

by George Porochnik

(WZPS) Imagine seeing Yitzhak Rabin, Saddam Hussein, Bill and Hilary Clinton, Moses, Isaac and Shulamit Aloni all together in a single room. Sound like a dream or a nightmare? Well, in Jerusalem between the Ides of March and the end of Passover, such a thing was actually possible. This convention occurred not in the flesh, but rather, as it were, the caricature. The Israeli Cartoonist Association was holding its first ever exhibition, "Shpitz (Point) '93".

For almost a month the walls of the venerable old Jerusalem Artists House were filled with some 300 inked images of newsmakers—recent and ancient, hallowed and hellish—and the result was without doubt one of the most powerful collective visions to come out of the contemporary Israeli arts scene.

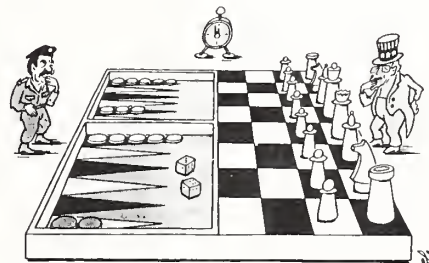
New Association

Much of the motivation for mounting the show at this time, was to inform the public of the newly formed Association. Thirty-two Israeli cartoonists already belong to the organization, and Nissim Yehizkiyahu, the current chairman, says he expects all Israel's cartoonists to join eventually.

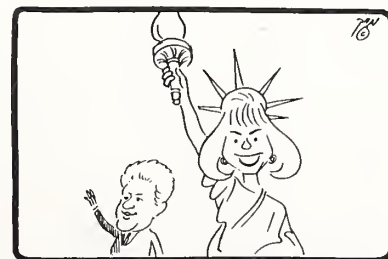
Initial resistance came mostly from the older generation of cartoonists like Yaakov Kirschen,

author and artist of the internationally syndicated cartoon "Dry Bones." Kirschen admitted quite frankly that his initial reaction to the association was that it was a waste of time. "I felt the younger cartoonists were overly concerned with keeping up with their American and continental counterparts," he said.

A reluctant Kirschen, however, attended the inaugural meeting and has since gone from receptive to downright enthusiastic. "It's fun-getting together around one table to drink coffee and talk with other people working in your field. There was never anything like it before in Israel. And if we can get the occasional exhibition or magazine together, that's just great."



Ya'akov Shilo, "Ma'ariv", December 1990



Mike (Meir Ronen), "Yediot Aharonot", 1992

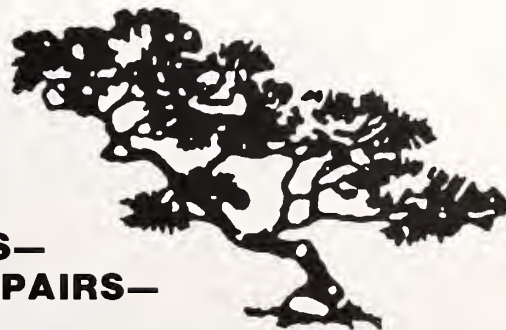
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Works by 30 of the association's 32 members were exhibited at this first showing. Given license to choose 10 caricatures from any phase of their work, the overwhelming majority chose work from the past two or three years. Despite the preponderance of works with an overtly political message, says Yehizkiyahu, the main idea is to show the range of topics tackled by Israel's cartoonists and their respective perspectives.

Message Makes Medium

Many of the cartoonists themselves arrived at their chosen profession by paths no less diverse than the topics they cover. American-born political caricaturist Avi Katz, for example, took notes in comic strip form in his high school Talmud class. One day the teacher spotted the incriminating drawings and furiously snatched them away. He examined Katz's fledgling artworks more closely, began to smile, then to chuckle, then to laugh out loud. Finally he xeroxed

the cartoons and passed them around to the whole class.

Ido Amin, an Israeli-born cartoonist recalls starting a comic journal at 17 that resulted in his arrest and imprisonment. To this day he remains unsure as to the precise reason for the virulence of the reaction he produced, but the experience was enough to make him abandon cartooning for many years: "I guess I knew that what I did was too harsh for the times," he says. Though his present work does not appear political, Amin himself feels it is. "Of course it's political," he says. "Everything in Israel is political. It's also a little vicious, but we live in such a harsh and vicious world."

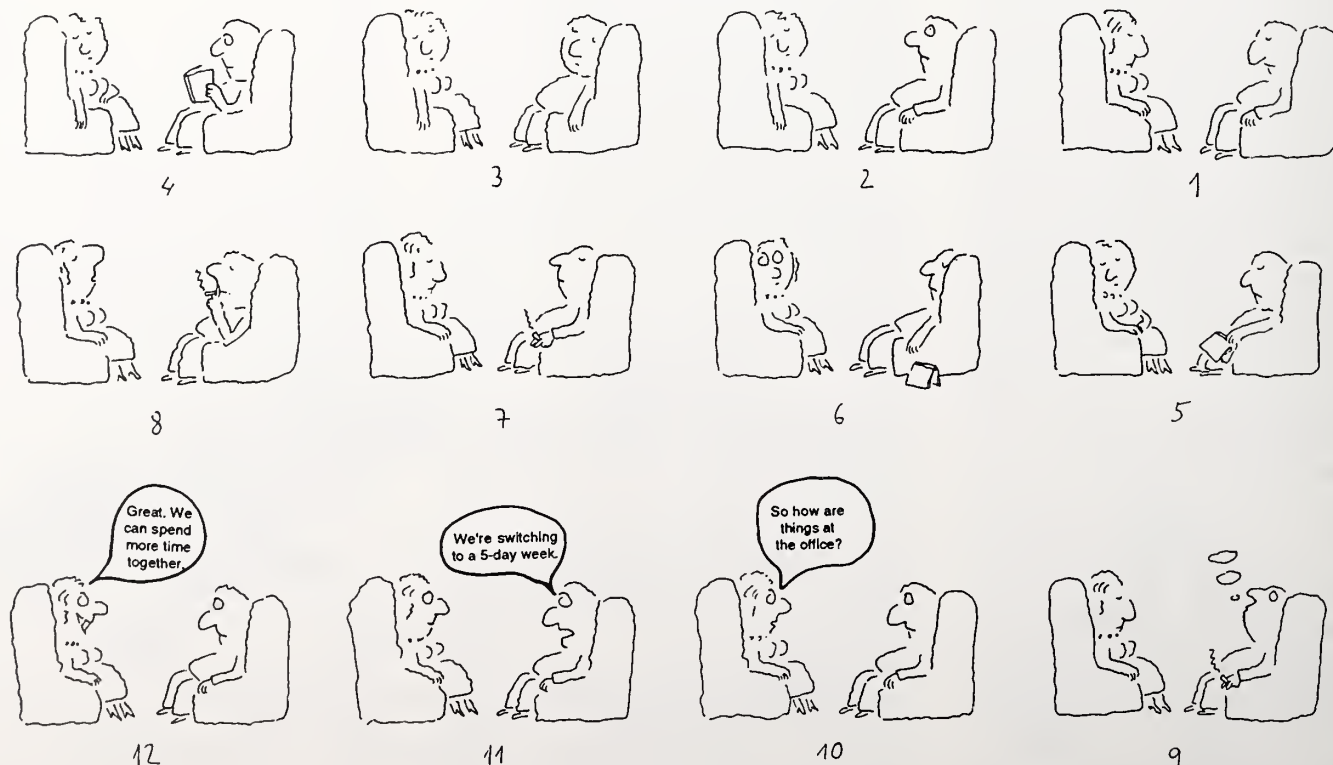
Caricaturist Ya'akov Farkash (Ze'ev) won this year's Israel Prize. Ze'ev began drawing as a means of avoiding the censor in the Hungarian labor camp where he was imprisoned during World War II. After arriving in Israel in 1947, he began working as a caricaturist for the daily *Ma'ariv* and since 1962 has been with the daily

Ha'aretz.

Kirschen, who began work as a cartoonist for *Playboy* magazine in the early sixties, feels that "cartoons are even more important for Jews than they are for anyone else. The classic anti-Semitic images of Jews in Nazi caricatures helped in reconciling the non-Jewish public to what the Nazis were doing. That's how powerful cartoons are. And that's why as an Israeli I feel I have to do caricatures showing our point of view."

Yehizkiyahu sees a bright side to the almost overwhelmingly "loaded" position in which Israeli cartoonists find themselves. "We should consider ourselves lucky. Israeli politics makes a lot of work for us and history is made here nearly every day."

Visitors to the exhibition could not help but walk away with a new sense of the potency of the cartoon. For better or worse, the cartoon's power to damn or apotheosize its subject is beyond words.



Eitan Kedmi, "Coteret Rashit", 22.7.87

Community News

Temples

Temple Beth El Charlotte, NC

by Lynne Cojac

A farewell dinner and tribute to our interim Rabbi, Robert Shapiro, was held in late May. In his short time in Charlotte, Rabbi Shapiro won many hearts and friends. We look forward to his return visits in the coming months and years. Our new permanent Rabbi, Jim Bennett, will arrive in Charlotte next month. His arrival is anticipated with great excitement.

Temple Beth El continues its summer schedule this month. Saturday Shabbat Services will NOT be held except for the morning of July 24, when Melissa Stutts will become a Bat Mitzvah.

Friday Shabbat Services will be conducted by Arthur Kramer on July 2. Rabbi Israel Gerber will officiate at Friday Shabbat Services for the remainder of the month.

July 2-Baby naming of Rachel, granddaughter of Shirley and Milt Fytelson, daughter of Julie Fytelson.

July 10-Rabbi Shapiro will officiate at the wedding of Dana Marilyn Perlin and Harvey Philip Eckoff at Temple Beth El. The bride is the daughter of Dr. Mark Perlin and the late Judy Perlin. The couple will reside in Atlanta.

July 11-Rabbi Shapiro will conduct the ceremony of marriage at the Van Landingham Estate for Melissa Murfin and Scott Cooper, members of our Temple.

July 24-Bat Mitzvah of Melissa Stutts, daughter of Jackie and Terry Stutts.

July 31-Reception at Temple Beth El of the marriage of Carl Miller to Laura Gibson, daughter of Susan and Arthur Kramer. The couple will reside in Charlotte.

Temple Beth ha-Tephila Asheville, NC

by Marjorie Schachter

The Saturday Morning Friendship Circle

At the final meeting of the season on May 8, following a short Sabbath service, the group considered the last chapter in Section 3 of Eugene Borowitz's book "Liberal Judaism." A spirited discussion was led by Rabbi Ratner. The morning ended with a covered dish lunch; the hosts, charming as usual, were Sylvia and Peter Meyer, who provided the main dish.

The Sisterhood

The following members appeared on the bima and participated in the Sisterhood Sabbath services on May 7: Irene Braun, Sylvia Meyer, Ruth Chicurel, Rachel Smith, Muriel Marks, Jean Vachon, Shirley Rapoport, Hilde Hoffman, Rose Rose, Fran Aaron, Leslie Sipes, Ruth Weber and Rosalie Schrier; they and other members were responsible for the splendid Oneg afterwards.

The nominating committee formed the 1993-94 slate, as follows: president, Irene Braun; vice-president, Sylvia Meyer; treasurer, Ruth Chicurel; financial secretary, Judy Haller; recording secretary, Shirley Rapoport; corresponding secretary, Marjorie Schachter; nominating committee; Hilde Hoffman, chair; Judy Haller, Helen Pozner, Marjorie Schachter.

Committee chairs are Helen Pozner, membership; Rose Rose and Vicky Levy, Onegs; Sylvia Meyer, Oneg sign-ups; Rosalie Schrier and Hilde Hoffman, good & welfare; Janice Rosenberg, telephone; Ellen Gilreath, uniongrams; Lillian Bieber, fundraising; Jean Vachon and Leslie Sipes, gift shop; Jean Hansman, liaison with Religious School.

The slate was voted in, in its entirety, at the three-organization installation luncheon at the Country Club of Asheville on June 16. Hadassah and the Beth Israel Sisterhood also installed their officers.

The Brotherhood

The Clergy Institute guest speaker was the Temple's own Rabbi Ratner, who addressed the congregation and guests on the evening of May 17. His subject was "The 'Old Testament' is Not Our Bible." He explained the sig-

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nificance of the Tanach, which is an acronym in Hebrew for the first five books of the Bible—fascinating material that was a revelation to most if not all of his listeners. His topic on May 18, when he spoke to the Clergy guests, was "What is the Bible? a Jewish Response."

The March brunch was snowed out, and the talk by Yousef Ben-Omran took place at the June brunch.

The Temple Picnic

The annual food-and-fun event is scheduled for August 22, at the WNC Nature Center on Gashes Creek Road. The Sisterhood contributes, the Brotherhood prepares the eats, and everyone has a fine time.

The Annual Vance Memorial Ceremony

On May 13, at the invitation of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, Temple members Hank Meyers and Herbert Schifftan laid a wreath on the grave of Governor Vance at Riverside Cemetery on the anniversary of his birth. Hank Meyers is immediate past chairman of the State chapter of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

Lunch with the Rabbi

At the brown-bag lunch on May 24 Rabbi Ratner introduced Hank Meyers, who gave the group a fascinating inside look at the functions and modus operandi of the Anti-Defamation League.

Naming the Family

In a heartwarming ceremony on April 30 not just the children but the whole young family—Dr. Randy Gergel, his wife Linda and their two daughters Diana and the baby, Elizabeth Rose—were named in the Jewish tradition. Diana, who is just 6, read the V'aha in Hebrew with great aplomb.

The Rabbi's Extra Activities

Barbara Jarmel, Temple secretary, writes in the Temple bulletin, Among his activities recently, Rabbi Ratner co-officiated Asheville's Yom Hashoah Commemoration with Rabbi Birnham, was the featured speaker for the annual breakfast honoring volunteers in the St. Joseph Hospital Guild, addressed a group from Elderhostel from Lake Junaluska, was discussion facilitator for a program at UNCA as part of the Center for Jewish Studies entitled 'The Holocaust: It's So Big, I'm

So Small', spoke to the JCC Seniors on 'The New Reform', officiated at a memorial service for Sonny Green, and gave the benediction at the recent Hadassah Fashion Show.

Mommy, Daddy and Me Jewish Holiday Program

On May 9 the Mother's Day Discussion/Playtime focused on "Being a Mother—Its Value" Susan Ratner, creator and leader of this valuable program, said, "Mothering and Fathering are the most meaningful, yet unappreciated jobs we do," and offered "support, a sympathetic ear, and lots of encouragement."

The next session, on May 16, was a celebration of Lag Ba'Omer, with a picnic and games. The last session, and the last of the school year, offered singing, dancing, and a "a review of all we've learned."

The Outreach Program

The Fairview home of Mark and Cindy Vandewart was the scene of the Outreach covered dish dinner on May 8.

Mazel Tov

Congratulations to Spencer Rae Gilreath and her parents Ellen and Frank Gilreath on her Bat Mitzvah on May 28. . .and to Ruth Feldman, whose great-grandson, Eric Lee Backer, was born on March 18. Eric's parents are Stuart and Karen Backer of Charleston, S.C. The couple met at Beth ha-Tephila services 5 years ago. Stuart is Ruth Feldman's grandson. And congratulations to Shirley and Leslie Cohen on the marriage of their son David to Miss Kathy Rose Henson on April 17. . .and to Geoffrey Herbert Schreiber who achieved the top rank of Eagle Scout.

And congratulations again to first-time grandmother Shirley Cohen. The baby, named Nicholas, is the son of the Cohen's daughter Victoria, the Cantor, and her husband Robert May. To quote Shirley, "Nicholas. . .is, of course, the handsomest, brightest, most advanced baby ever put on this earth!!"



Thank You

The congregation is grateful to Shirley Cohen, who made the handsome challah covers that are being used for the Friday night Kiddush.

Additions and Corrections

Murial Marks, chair of the Seder committee, writing about the Temple seder in the Bulletin, said "The success of this evening was due to a dedicated committee: Buddy Rosenberg, our in-house engineer, who set up the sound system; Barbara Jarmel, our super efficient Temple secretary, who handled our flyer, mailing, reservations, and fielded all phone calls. . . Doug Baird (one of) our expert chefs; Abby Robertson, maker of all the desserts; Shirley Cohen, who made the Charoses, among other things; a 'special' thank you to Joe and Liesel Sullivan for the use of their apple peeler; Judy Haller, who pitched in wherever needed; Jean Hansman, who took charge of the kitchen for the serving of the dinner. We are also grateful to Mr. Tim Rice, director of the Hotel Management Department of A-B Tech, who came with 10 of his most able students, providing us with professional servers and kitchen help. Last and most important was "Superman" who says yes to any and all requests. . . our own Julius Edward Wiley, better known as Grandpa Ed.

I am deeply grateful to this committee for their concerted effort and help in making this a memorable Seder. . ."

In the bulletin, the Rabbi officially thanked Muriel and her committee "who worked so hard to make the evening so memorable and so delicious."

Beth Israel Synagogue Asheville, NC

by Lillian R. Wellisch

The Sisterhood Dance of the Year was known as "Remember," "Remember the Fifties," "Remember Rock and Roll," "Re-

member Swing." The walls echoed the era with adornments of clothes, music, and pictures reminiscent of the times. Contests for best costume, jitterbug, and limbo rounded out a perfect, nostalgic evening. The producer and director was Barbara Laibson. Her artistic director, Maggie Rotman, and her assistants, many Sisterhood elves and spouses, worked night and day on decorations and food planning. The music was controlled by a disc jockey, and famous orchestras contributed to the mood. Great effort—great fun!

The Shabbat Retreat at Camp Blue Star offered the opportunity to experience our three R's—religious activities, recreation, and rest!

The Membership Committee will be featuring a biography of a new member each month in our newsletter. This month there are several: Alan Baumgarten and Judy Hoffman, Terry and Laura Knight, Edward Katz and Miriam Schwarz, Leslie and Sandy Langberg, Diana Joy Lieb, Adele M. Rose, and Sonja Wilhelm Shulimson.

There was a community-wide celebration of Yom Ha-Atzmaut with their families.

Rabbi Birnham wishes to join with the entire congregation in thanking the Bet Sefer Principals and Teachers for their dedication to and love of our children. They are: Barbara Miller and Laurie Chess, Co-Principals; Beth Reiser, Ann Kimmel, and Marina Fridlyand, Aleph Class; Debi Miles and Andrea Berkey, Bet Class; Daya Laufer, Gimmel Class; Caren Kessler, Daled Class; Bob Deutsch, Hey Class; and Geoff Brown, Music Director.

At the All-Night Shavuot Study Party, all participants experienced great fun, learning, and community. Todah Rabah to our lecturers: Rabbi Birnham, Rabbi Robert Ratner of Temple Beth Ha-Tephila, Dr. Rick Chess, Dr. Ileana Grams, David Gaynes, Adele Rose, Richard Harrison, Dr. Ed

Katz, Frank Goldsmith, Yosi Knight, Bob Deutsch, and Geoff Brown.

In Synagogue News: thank you to our office volunteers of the month of April: Barbara Miller and Michele Heller and to Jim Levinson, for the beautiful new cabinets in the Sunday School classrooms and outside the office. Mazel Tov to Laurie and Rick Chess on the birth of a son, Gabriel Edward, on April 14. Congratulations to Rachel Lewin, who is in the sixth grade at Carolina Day School, who took first place in the Essay Division, Middle School Category, in the Asheville Buncombe Community Relations Council Annual Essay and Poster Contest.

Organizations

Raleigh Chapter of Hadassah by Linda Landau

The Raleigh chapter of Hadassah concluded the 1992-93 season with its annual Donor event on May 11, 1993. Following a dinner at the North Ridge Country Club, members and husbands were entertained by the Triangle Israeli Dancers as well as a songfest of Israeli and Hebrew melodies. Dancers from an area dance studio participated with a display of ballroom dancing.

The new executive board was installed by Noel Lichtin and will be led by Evelyn Levin.

Funds collected at Donor will go to the Children's Pavilion at the Hadassah Hebrew University Medical Center in Jerusalem. The specialized needs of pediatrics, the latest in medical technology and a warm and supportive environment come together in the Children's Pavilion.

CAJE Announces Winners of the 1993/5753 Creative Projects of the Year Awards

The Carolina Agency for Jewish Education (CAJE), central agency for Jewish education in the greater Carolinas region, is pleased to announce the award winners of its sixth annual state-wide "Creative Projects of the Year" awards competition—a year-long contest to reward Jewish teachers in congregational religious schools for their successful contributions to creative Jewish teaching. Three \$50 cash prizes were awarded to the top prize winners in each of three divisions:

First Place-Individual Lesson

Sue Brodsky, Roz Cooper, Sam Eneman, Arthur Kramer, Susan Lepow, Vicki Neumann, & Marc Titlebaum

Consolidated High School of Jewish Studies of Charlotte
Charlotte, NC

"A Life Cycle Celebration"

First Place-Ongoing Unit

Elizabeth Robboy
Beth Meyer Religious School
Raleigh, NC

"Take The Middle East"

First Place-Early Childhood

Cheri Titlebaum
Charlotte Jewish Preschool
Charlotte, NC

"Tu B'Shevat Ecology Play"

Certificates of recognition were awarded to all participating teachers who submitted projects to the competition. A list of the entries follows.

Projects were judged on their Judaic content, replicability, age appropriateness, completeness, overall presentation and of course, Creativity!

All project entries become a part of the CAJE Resource Center permanent curriculum bank. In addition, copies of all projects will be published in the *1993/5753 Creative Project of the Year Idea Book*, available fall, 1993.

Creative Projects of the Year Awards 1993/5753 Certificates of Recognition

Rabbi Steven Sager, Jackie Ariail
Beth El Religious School
Durham, NC

"Pesach Home/School Portfolio-
Third Grade"

Wendy Rosen
Temple Israel Religious School
Charlotte, NC

"Kippah & Tallit Set"
"Pick-A-Story"

Roz Cooper
Temple Israel Religious School
Charlotte, NC

"All School Tu B'Shevat Hands-On
Ecology Activity Program"

Gary Defilipp
Charlotte, NC
"Family Education Video Series:
Matzah Baking & Hands-On Sukkot"

Denise Sussman
Temple Israel Religious School
Charlotte, NC
"Shabbat. . .Why Not? Shabbat
Service"

Teri New
Kahal Kadosh Beth Elohim
Religious School
Charleston, SC
"Building a Sukkah in the
Classroom"

Carol Klein
Temple Israel Religious School
Charlotte, NC
"Purim Character Costume"

Rabbi Robert Waxman
B'nai Israel Synagogue
Wilmington, NC
"Totally Tubular Tashlich Experience"

Amy Thompson, Phyllis Klein,
Ethan Bernick
Temple Emanuel Religious School
Greensboro, NC
"Alef Bet For All To See"

Cheri Titlebaum
Charlotte Jewish Preschool
Charlotte, NC
"Mezuzah Making & Chanukat

Habayit Ceremony for the Pre-school"

Phyllis Klein
Temple Emanuel Religious School
Greensboro, NC
"Trading Cards for Jewish Times"

Cheryl Greenberg
Temple Emanuel Religious School
Greensboro, NC
"Mitzvot & Mezuzot"

Roz Cooper, Debbi Maslov
Temple Israel Religious School
Charlotte, NC
"Where in Israel is Haman San-diego?"

Rabbi David Zielonka
Temple Beth El Religious School
Charlotte, NC
"The Talking Siddur"

Arthur Kramer, Roger Meyers, Roz
Meyers, Jennifer Foley, Susan
Aizenman
Temple Beth El Religious School
Charlotte, NC
"Hebrew Name Project"

For more information, call or
write CAJE at: Carolina Agency
for Jewish Education, P.O. Box
13574, Charlotte, NC 28270, (704)
366-5007, ext. 272.

Kol ha-kavod-congratulations-
to all the winners.

**"May there never
develop in me the
notion that my
education is complete,
but give me the
strength
and leisure and zeal
continually to enlarge
my knowledge."**

**Maimonides,
12th century**

Personals



Rachel Deanne Leder

Community News

Rachel Deanne Leder was inducted into the Rho Chi Pharmacy Honor Society at the 1993 School of Pharmacy awards program at UNC-Chapel Hill. Those elected to active membership have displayed academic excellence, a capacity for achievement in the science and art of pharmacy and the allied sciences, and strength of character, personality and leadership.

She was one of 25 pharmacy students out of the 175 class of 1994 members to receive the honor. She is the daughter of Robert Leder of Whiteville and Esther Ackerman Leder of Fort Mill, SC, and granddaughter of George and Sarah Ackerman of Ft. Mill.

Rachel will work in research this summer with the U.S. Government in Rockville, MD. She will graduate from the UNC School of Pharmacy next year.



On May 19 at the installation of Charlotte Hadassah's Board of Directors for 1993, Audrey Madans received their highest accolade. . . The Rosalie Ashendorf Award for her length of tireless and selfless dedication in the service of Hadassah and its members. Audrey's efforts and warm personality exemplify the criteria for this auspicious recognition.

Bedrick-Tazbin Wedding

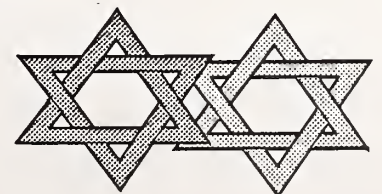
Barbara Sue Bedrick, daughter of Florence and Milton Bedrick of Charlotte, N.C., formerly of Livingston, N.J., was married May 9 at Temple Israel, Charlotte, N.C. to Andrew Glenn Tazbin son of Joyce and Albert Tazbin of Port Washington, N.Y. Mrs. Tazbin, a 1980 graduate of Livingston High School was graduated from Skidmore College, Saratoga Springs, N.Y. with a B.S. in Business and Economics. Mr. Tazbin was graduated from Boston University with a B.S. in Business and Marketing. She is a media planning supervisor with Saatchi and Saatchi advertising in N.Y. He is a senior account executive with Computer Associates.

Rabbi Abe W. Schoen of Raleigh, N.C. and Rabbi Scott White of Charlotte conducted the mar-

riage ceremony at Temple Israel. Cantorial blessings were sung by Marlene Fuerstman. Adele Bedrick and Patricia Bedrick were matrons of honor and Emily Bedrick, Pam Weiss and Debbie Weiss were bridesmaids. Kate Bedrick, niece of the bride and Rachel Tazbin, niece of the groom were flower girls.

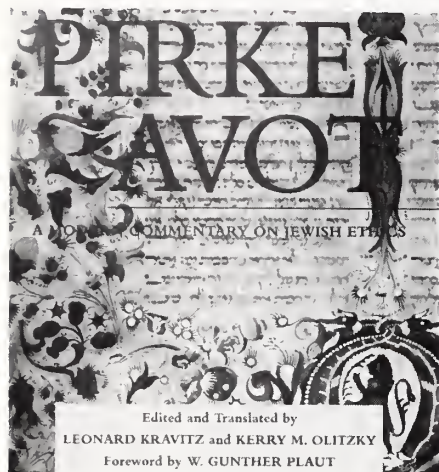
David Tazbin was his brother's best man. Groomsmen were Steven Tazbin, Dr. James Bedrick, Richard Bedrick, David Fried, David Hoberman and Jonathan Bedrick.

After a wedding trip to the Caribbean, the couple resides in New York City.





Books, Arts and Media



Pirke Avot: A Modern Commentary on Jewish Ethics

Edited and translated by Leonard Kravitz and Kerry M. Olitzky
UAHC Press 114 pp.
\$12.95 paperback
Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

Ben Zoma said, "Who is wise? The one who learns from everyone, as it is said, 'From all who would teach me, have I gained understanding.' (Psalm 119:99) Who is mighty? One who controls one's (natural) urges, as it is said, 'One who is slow to anger is better than the mighty and one who rules one's spirit than one who conquers a city.' (Proverbs 16:32) Who is rich? One who is happy with what one has, as it says, 'When you eat what your hands have provided, you shall be happy and good will be yours.' (Psalms 128:2) You shall be happy in this world; and good will be yours in the world to come. Who is honored? One who honors others, as it says, 'Those who honor Me, will I honor, and those who despise Me will be lightly esteemed.'" (I Sam. 2:30)

The above opens Chapter Four of *Pirke Avot*, and is followed by notes on Ben Zoma, then interpretations of some of the quotation.

This modern commentary on *Pirke Avot* is written from the Reform Jewish viewpoint. Rabbis Leonard Kravitz and Kerry M. Olitzky are professor of Midrash and Homiletics, and director of the School of Education, both of Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, New York City. The Hebrew text is given.

The book explains the origins of this ancient classic which has survived fifty generations and is still studied seriously by religious scholars. For those who have long been curious as to what *Pirke Avot* contains, as well as those totally unacquainted with it, there are a wealth of information and gems of wisdom, one of which is the paragraph that begins this review. It illustrates how segments of the Torah were used and then expounded upon by illustrious rabbis in the era around the beginning of the Common Era.

Pirke Avot is part of the *Mishnah*, which is the product of nearly five centuries from about 300 B.C.E. until 200 C.E. The introduction of this new translation and commentary gives its background and explains the idea of both Torah and Oral Law in the revelation at Sinai. The *Mishnah* was finally set down by Rabbi Yehudah Ha-Nasi (Judah the Prince), who lived from 135-220 C.E. Its source is said to be in the Divine.

Throughout the book, there are interpretations of passages by some of the outstanding contemporary rabbis, mostly American, with biographical notes on these rabbis, whose names are familiar

to us. We have heard some of them lecture and read some of their writings.

To me, this *Pirke Avot* is an opportunity for all of us to become acquainted with an important element of Judaism which heretofore rested within the confines of scholars.

King of the Jews

by Leslie Epstein
W.W. Norton 350 pp. \$9.95
Reviewed by Albrecht B. Strauss

"Can the Holocaust be compellingly described or represented? Or is there some core aspect of the extermination of the Jews of Europe which resists our powers of depiction, of theory, of narrative?" So asks an advertisement for a recent collection of essays on *Probing the Limits of Representation*. Searching questions, no doubt. After reading this paperback reprint of Leslie Epstein's haunting 1979 novel, I'm no closer, along alas, to an answer. Epstein gets at events that may indeed be indescribable by having his narrator, presumably a Holocaust survivor, focus on the charismatic president of the *Judenrat* (Jewish Council) in a Polish ghetto as the extermination of the Jews takes its relentless course—a sort of *Litvak* David Koresh-doctor, confidence man, philanderer, visionary—a man driven by an insatiable lust for power, yet capable of great tenderness and compassion, particularly when it comes to children. The portrait is obviously larger than life. I.C. Trumpelman assumes the stature of a false prophet, grows (in the narrator's mind, at any rate) into an unbelievable superman, a mythologi-

cal hero. Epstein, I take it, intends it that way. His narrator makes a practice of depersonalizing individuals and objects. Germans are thus "The Blond Ones, the Masters," Germany is "the fatherland of the Race of the Masters," the Star of David is "the six-pointed patch," the SS are "Death's-Headers." Characters are invariably stylized and/or caricatured. That Hitler is regularly referred to as "Horowitz" is symptomatic of the dark humor which sparks the narrative—a conscious device no doubt to avoid literal verisimilitude.

But of course in any account of the Holocaust, the comic is bound to give way to the tragic. The ludicrous auction for "places" on the *Judenrat*, for example, ends with the "winners," gruesome humiliation ("There, between the gutters, in their underclothes, or wearing no clothes at all, were the Council of Elders, hopping like frogs over each others backs. On either side, holding a pistol, stood a Totenkopfer. Laughing. Joking. Puffing a cigarette.") and eventually, "slow enough to count them," sixteen shots; the naive parroting—by members of the boyish Edmund Trilling Brigade—of tired Communist slogans and their childlike faith in an ultimate rescue by approaching Soviet forces end, inevitably, in betrayal and indiscriminate slaughter ("After the last Ghettoite is dead, then they will come"); the Ghettoites' grotesque efforts to appease or, more grotesque yet, to ingratiate themselves with the "members of the Occupying Power" end in harsh reminders, all the more brutal for being so casual, of the Jews' impotence, of their loss of even a modicum of dignity. There's an excruciating inevitability about the crushing of these pathetic delusions; and paradoxically it may be for this very reason that the reader's sympathies remain disengaged. By novel's end, at any rate, with little more than a spectral Trumpelman surviving (how iron-

ical to have designated him "King of the Jews"!), the reader is left bewildered. What does this nightmarish tale have to tell him about the Holocaust that, if Epstein's is to be considered a successful work of art, can be revealed in no other way? Does it tell enough? Can enough be told? As I said, I wish I had the answers.

The Uprooted— A Hitler Legacy

by Dorit Bader Whiteman
Insight Books-Plenum Press, New York, 1993

446 pp. \$28.95

Reviewed by Peter Baumgarten

The magnitude of the Hitler-caused disaster fifty years ago is almost unimaginable. So many were tortured, starved and killed that the story of those that somehow escaped and survived is often neglected. Because these people can still tell about their experiences personalizes the disaster. This book recites the tales of the Uprooted, those that escaped in time and survived the terror of the Hitler gang.

The author, Dr. Whiteman, did a courageous thing: she sent questionnaires to the survivors fifty years after the fact. Her psychology background prompted her to not only ask for the personal experiences of how they got away and how they survived, but also how they felt before, during and after their escape. It makes fascinating reading.

The number of responses and their quality were amazing. Contacts were made with 306 persons; 190 responded. The intervening years had not dimmed people's memories, but made them more vivid, and gave a perspective to these personal tales.

To summarize for the benefit of the people that weren't there (as I was): The Jews of Germany and Austria lived a quiet, often middle-class life after the first world war, with strong community organiza-

tions, and with a warranted feeling of being well integrated into the Gentile community. The economy went sour, people lost their jobs, and they looked for someone to blame. As the Pesach story goes, there arose a Pharaoh that knew them not. Slowly at first, and then with harsher and harsher measures, Hitler and his gang made the Jews feel totally unwelcome. The Law, upon which the individual citizen relies for protection, was rewrote to strip away this protection utterly. "Juden, heraus", the Nazis said, and stole all the Jews' money before they were allowed to leave.

In this book, read the stories of the Uprooted. Feel for them, these people, now in their sixties or older, who can recall the terror and the shame of having to leave their settled land, while having to face inflexible bureaucracy and strident Nazis. Weep with them, as they recall saying a last goodbye to their parents, grandparents, sisters and brothers. Be encouraged as they survive through interminable red tape to gain admittance to a hospitable haven; as they confront a different culture in England, Italy, Bolivia, or Shanghai; even organize mathematics classes and chamber orchestras while in internment; and finally succeed to again achieve respectability, economic well-being and peace.

Compelling—that's a good word for this book. But expect to be exposed to these emotional wrenches: A man loses his passport with visa, and dives off a ship to commit suicide; a boy on a train plays a violin on a children's transport train to prove to the Nazi SS-man that this is indeed his violin. And listen to a joke: a St. Bernard meets a dachshund, and tells about his life in Vienna before Hitler. He asks the dachshund about his former life. Replies the dachshund: "When I lived in Vienna before Hitler, I was a St. Bernard too."

We all hope that in the future no

people be exposed to the kind of terror that the Jews faced under the Nazis.

If Your Name Was Changed at Ellis Island

by **Ellen Levine**

Scholastic Inc. 80 pp. \$15.95

Reviewed by **Estelle Hoffman**

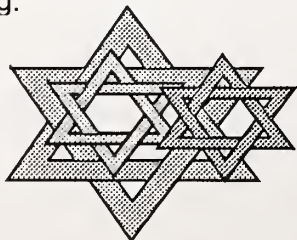
The story of early immigration to the United States of America is thrilling once again, told by Ellen Levine and beautifully illustrated by Wayne Parmenter.

Children of all ages will enjoy every page of this book, well printed on good quality paper. They will learn the reasons and often the difficulties of leaving foreign homelands, of the ocean voyages and finally what awaited the immigrants when they landed on our shores.

Interesting details of individuals are typical of the procedure at Ellis Island, which became the place most immigrants entered from 1892 until 1922. There were, however, many other ports of entry.

Conditions on ships which brought the newcomers are described, as well as the places in which people were received. There are amusing little episodes of reactions to the strangeness of the new land to some who came, related beside the fears and disappointments of others.

If Your Name Was Changed at Ellis Island is not about what is suggested in this title. It is the unique story of the making of America as we know it today, and it is a story that will never grow old or boring.



Máramaros: The Lost Jewish Music of Transylvania **HNCD/HNBC 1373** **Hannibal Records** **A Review**

The Musikás ensemble, Hungary's leading folk revivalists, have produced a Jewish musical treasure—*Máramaros: The Lost Jewish Music of Transylvania*.

The ensemble was encouraged and guided in its research by Zoltan Simon, a Jewish musicologist from Makó, one of the most



important rural centers of Jewish life in Hungary prior to World War II. Simon himself had been encouraged by the famous Hungar-

ian composer Zoltán Kodály to collect Jewish folk music at Hungarian villages, a task he lovingly carried out in the Máramaros county of Transylvania in 1946, and later in other parts of Hungary. He shared the fruits of his research with Musikás.

Based on their knowledge of the style of Hungarian folk music of the region, Musikás arranged and performed the melodies which Simon had presented to them. Hearing the performance, Simon was deeply moved, declaring "The dead notes are alive again." He encouraged the musicians to continue searching for remnants of Jewish instrumental music, certain that musicians who played for the Jews before the War could still be found (most Jewish musicians from Transylvania perished during the Holocaust).

Indeed, the ensemble found two excellent Gypsy musicians who regularly played for the Jews before the War: violinist Gheorghe Covaci and a cimbalom player, Arpad Toni. The pieces recorded on this album are from their repertoire and feature both musicians performing with the Musikás ensemble.

Hearing the music on this album, one is transported back in time to a world and culture that no longer exist. Covaci and Toni are truly virtuosi in the traditional musical style of the Transylvanian Jews. The disc contains 14 selections ranging from joyous wedding dances to sorrowful laments, all rich in a melodic sensibility unique to the Jews of Transylvania. Two of the 14 tracks are vocals, sung beautifully by Márta Sebestyén. Detailed liner notes accompany each selection, as well as an overall historical perspective from music professor Judit Frigyesi of Princeton University. The lost Jewish music of Transylvania has been waiting patiently to be rediscovered, and has been lovingly brought back to life by Musikás.

Purest Conception of God

The theology of the Jewish faith remains today as it was thousands of years ago the highest and purest conception which the human mind can form of the Deity. The God before whom our fathers walked is the same God who today claims our faith and our allegiance.

But theology is not the only aspect of religious truth. The appeal of religion is chiefly to the human heart. And the heart has an unquenchable thirst for God, a longing for His aid and counsel, a longing that by an apparent paradox implies a sense of His presence, a conviction of His nearness to those who need Him most. Each one of us, recalling moments in our lives whether of joy or sorrow, can echo the words of our father Jacob: "The God who was a Shepherd to me from my birth until this very day." It is a figure that the great prophets and singers in Israel delight to dwell upon—the Shepherd guiding, feeding, comforting the flock.

"My spirit and my flesh are
Thine,

Oh heavenly Shepherd mine.

My hopes, my thoughts, my
fears,

Thou seest all.

Thou measurest my path, my
steps dost know.

When Thou upholdest, who
can make me fall?

When Thou restrainest, who
can bid me go?"

Thus, Judaism has been to our fathers not only a theology and a creed, but a life lived in the constant presence of God and becoming, because of that presence, a life nobler and purer, happier and sweeter. A hundred ordinary tasks of life became hallowed by being made consecrated to God. The Holy Days literally opened the year with their sacred joy, and the Sabbath more than all else brought the Angels of God within the home and the presence of

God within the heart.

Now, whether the future of our children be spent within a narrow compass or be widened to the utmost bounds of human endeavor, Jewish life, hallowed by the nearness of God, offers them as none other can the answer to the longings of the human heart.

A great Jewish preacher once said: "What is it to be a Jew?" And he answered: "Those err greatly who imagine that all that is asked of the Jew is to give an intellectual assent to some abstract propositions of the mind, such as the Unity of God. To be a Jew is to feel oneself a member of a great brotherhood in which the safety, the welfare, and the honor of all are in keeping of each. It is to stand firm against temptation and corrupt example from far and near; it is to make sacrifices of comfort, pleasure, and convenience; to be content to suffer privation and contumely for one's faith and people; to answer all detractors by a blameless life; to be at the front wherever men are suffering from want, ignorance or tyranny; it is to glory in your heaven-directed history and to bear in mind that he who cares not for Israel's past will not do much worth remembering in Israel's future. It is to cherish your heritage in the word of God, and to search it and cling to it through good and evil repute. It is to unite with all good men and true to roll away the reproach of religious indifference from the frame of a people whom God has so long blessed by the inexhaustible streams of His mercies."

And to these winged and pregnant words may we add: It is to bring a practical contribution to the uplifting of the world in which we live and which even now stands in grievous need of the ideals of the Hebrew prophets and of the lessons of the life of the Jewish sages.

These are an inheritance and the heritage we hand down to our youth.

Cuthbert E. Allen Memorial Lecture

by Estelle Hoffman

The Ecumenical Institute of Wake Forest University and Belmont Abbey College on June 6 honored the Most Rev. Dr. Michael Conway Dixon McDaniel for his contribution to Ecumenism. Dr. McDaniel is Director of The Center for Theology of Lenoir-Rhyne College and former Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Synod of North Carolina.

The Rev. McDaniel has been an attendant at Wildacres Interfaith Institutes and is a leader of Lenoir-Rhyne College's Hickory Humanities Forum held annually at Wildacres. He is loved for his friendship and intellect by those who know him.

The Belmont Abbey dining hall was the setting for the Gratitude Dinner and the thirteenth annual Cuthbert E. Allen Memorial Lecture. Speaker of the event was Dr. C. Eric Lincoln, who is William Rand Kenan, Jr. Professor of Religion at Duke University. After Vespers in the Belmont Abbey Church, guests were welcomed in the beautiful, modern student dining hall by Dr. J. William Angell, Executive Director of the Ecumenical Institute.

Dr. Lincoln's message voiced the concern of Americans today for our society's problems. He spoke of human values embodied in life, liberty, dignity, creativity and responsibility, corollaries of vital need in defining our human values.

Few citizens would deny the truths or dispute the beliefs on which this country was founded; however, Dr. Lincoln spoke of the "anti-forces" which cause the difference between our values and our behavior. The disparity is evident in our society, and Dr. Lincoln presented the case in extremely well structured, expressive language.



Jeanne White at the dedication of a Jewish National Fund memorial parkland at Lahav, Israel, in memory of her son, Ryan, an AIDS victim.

Jewish National Fund Dedicates Ryan White Parkland

by Yehonathan Tommer

A Jewish National Fund memorial parkland commemorating Ryan White, who died of AIDS at

the age of 18, was dedicated this week in JNF's AIDS Memorial Forest in Lahav, Israel, north of Beersheva.

In Israel for the unveiling of her son's plaque was Jeanne White, Ryan's mother, and Roy Ginder, her husband. "Ryan wanted us to

understand, appreciate and honor people afflicted by this fatal disease," she said at the tree-planting ceremony, which coincided with the traditional celebration of Mother's Day in the United States.

Ryan's case attracted widespread media attention in 1985, when his school in Kokomo, Indiana, attempted to bar him from attending classes. Although Ryan won his legal battle, the family was forced to move to Cicero, Indiana, to avoid continued harassment. He died after a five-year battle with the disease.

Attending the dedication were prominent American anti-AIDS activists, including Jerry Tokofsky, Hollywood film producer, and his wife, Karen Oliver, executive director of Christian Dior Cosmetics; Betsy Rathe, vice president of a major public relations firm promoting anti-AIDS research; Richard Lefkowitz, philanthropist, Isabel Wade, executive director of the AIDS Memorial Grove, Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, and Mariella Trager, a leading American-Cuban anti-AIDS lobbyist.

The Ryan White memorial parkland, which has been sponsored by JNF of America, is the first of a series of planned afforestation projects in the AIDS Memorial Forest, commemorating individual AIDS victims around the world.

(Cuthbert E. Allen continued)

His plea for equal opportunity for all Americans to share in the American dream is the essence of the call to follow the path which alone will lead to the restoration of our basic principles. I will humbly add my words, which I am repeating more and more frequently: We cannot thrive as a nation if we allow the existence of a permanent underclass. It has no place in a nation indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

Refugees From A Cloistered World

by Dina Shiloh

(WZPS) Adam looks like any other 16-year-old in downtown Jerusalem, dressed in a black T-shirt and jeans, guzzling cake and drinking coke. But slowly his story unfolds: he has run away from an ultra-Orthodox home.

"Before," Adam explains, "I would never have been able to come in here." Dressed in traditional garb-black trousers, white shirt, long black coat-and sporting long earlocks, he was part of a society that considered such places unclean.

Adam, who wished to conceal his former name, is one of dozens to have left the ultra-Orthodox community either on their own or with the help of "Hillel", an organization founded in May 1991.

"We have people turning to us of all ages, men and women," says Hillel spokesman Gil Pariente, 35, a lawyer who left the ultra-Orthodox community himself five years ago. But, he says, the majority are men. "I think there are probably just as many women who are not happy with their lives in the ultra-Orthodox community, with their role as child bearer and housekeeper. But the stigma is much greater for them and somehow it's much harder for them to leave. 17-or 18-year-old youths, on the other hand, know they'll soon be married off, and they panic. They know that soon it'll be too late."

"I was completely involved in that life," says Adam. "It was not hard because everything-what you wear, what you eat-was decided for you. We used to collect cards, but of Rabbis not baseball players, and we exchanged them with our friends. The more learned and famous Rabbis were in greater demand."

During the 15 hour long study days at Yeshiva, Adam would think about his faith? "I constantly ques-

tioned what they told me. The Rabbi would say to us: 'Who made this table? A carpenter. And who made us? The Holy one.' But I used to think, who made God? I knew it was heretical, but I could not stop the thoughts.

"When I was 14 I started to sneak out of the Yeshiva for an hour or two to read in bookshops. I read everything I could-history, geography and politics. I was thirsty for it all. Then I decided to buy a secular newspaper. The first time I did, I was sure God would send a boulder down from heaven to kill me. But nothing happened."

After that Adam sneaked out of the house every Friday to buy secular newspapers, locking himself into public toilets to read them. After a year of this weekly secluded reading, he plucked up courage and went to the home of Ornan Yekutieli, Jerusalem's deputy mayor, representing the left-wing Meretz party.

"I had read about Ornan in the Orthodox press. He was portrayed as the worst type of secular Israeli but I was sure he would help me. I asked him to help me leave the religious community. He heard my story and told me to come back in six months if I was sure! I couldn't believe it-here was a man with a pork sausage hanging in his kitchen, and he was telling me to go back to religion! But he was right-it gave me time to begin to adjust to the world outside.

"In those six months I went to his house to read as much as I could. Ornan advised me to read classics like 'Don Quixote.' I also read children's books and watched cartoons like Tom and Jerry-not because I wanted to but in order to understand the secular world better."

Less than a year later Adam went to court and appealed to leave his parents. He now lives with the Yekutieli family, goes to a secular school, plans to be a lawyer, and visits his family occasionally. "We don't have much to



I'd Pick More Daisies

"If I had my life to live over, I'd try to make more mistakes next time. I'd be less inhibited. I'd be more relaxed than I've been this trip. There would be very few things that I would take seriously, especially myself. I'd be sillier. I'd take more chances. I'd climb more mountains, swim more rivers, and watch more sunsets. I'd eat more ice cream and less beans. I'd have more actual troubles and fewer imaginary ones. you see, I'm one of those people who lives prophylactically and sensibly and sanely, hour after hour, day after day. Oh, I've had my moments and if I had it to do over again, I'd have more of them. In fact, I'd try to have nothing else. Just moments, one after another, instead of living so many light years ahead each day. I've been one of those people who never go anywhere without a thermometer, a hot water bottle, a gargle, a raincoat and a parachute. If I had it to do over again, I'd go places and do things and travel lighter than I did this trip. If I had my life to live over I'd start barefooted in the Spring and stay that way later in the Fall. I'd play hooky more. I wouldn't make such good grades, except by accident. I'd ride on more merry-go-rounds. And I'd pick more daisies."

Author Unknown

talk about," he says sadly. "Recently I split up with my girlfriend, but of course I couldn't tell them about it." Did they know you had a girlfriend? "No, of course not. It would only shock and upset them." For these visits, Adam dresses in his black and white traditional clothes. "It would be too painful for them to see me like this," he says, gesturing at his Levis.

Many, Adam claim, feel like him, but are too afraid of their families, or the outside world, to do anything about it.

"If it's discovered that someone is coming to us or even thinking of leaving," says Pariente, "the elders of the community start applying pressure. They don't allow them out and frighten them with stories about God's retribution."

"It was a very, very difficult thing to do," says Adam, "especially having to hurt my family. My younger brother now suffers because prospective marriage partners see him differently. In a way I have dirtied the family name. My mother cries whenever I go home."

Family feelings are not the only problems to be faced. The psychological strain, too, says Adam, is immense. "You think the wrath of God is about to come down on you every second." "You no longer have a Rabbi to answer all your questions," adds Pariente. "We get about ten calls a week to our hotline. I understand what they're going through. I understand their sense of loss when they lose their faith. I went through it myself. I also said one day "enough!"

Hillel's hotline service is advertised in the secular press and posters are put up in religious areas. "They get ripped down of course," says Pariente philosophically, but if people want to find us they do.

"We also help those who decide they really want to leave to find a place to live, either in town or on kibbutz. We help them find a place to work or study and buy them modern clothes. Sometimes peo-

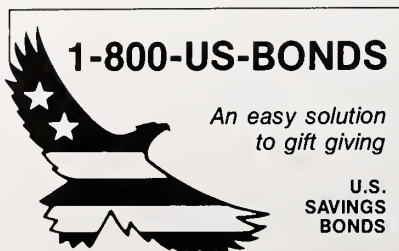
ple just drop in to read the papers, discuss current affairs, or simply smoke a cigarette if it's a Saturday and they can't at home. These people lead a kind of double life. It's very tough on them, but if they have a spouse that doesn't want to leave the community, coming here may be the only thing that enables them to continue."

And what about Adam? How has he adapted to the secular world? "There are still some things I don't like, like discos. I think you have to grow up with pop music to like it. But I am a new man now. I have even renamed myself after the first human being."

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A Poetess with a Difference by Simon Griver

(WZPS)

**Yearning for the home I love,
Yearning for the childhood I had,
The sun sets and I sigh,
Longing for the old loves,
Smell the flowers,
Soar like the birds,
Put all the yearning out of my
pockets,
Memories make me cry lightly,
But the yearning flows like brook
water,
From the childrens' house to the
army,
Yearning for friends, surroundings,
the mountains and the view.**

A literary critic might say that 21-year-old Sigal Harel's poetry, though sensitive, is merely the unremarkable sentiments of a teenager. What is remarkable, however, is that Harel has Down's Syndrome. A collection of her poetry, published last year in Hebrew by "Hotzaot Kana" in cooperation with the Yated Association for the Rehabilitation of Youngsters with Down's Syndrome, is the first book ever to be written by a person afflicted with this disease.

Sitting in her home at Kibbutz Negba near Ashkelon, Harel expresses joy in the celebrity status the book has given her and in particular in being interviewed.

"I suppose its vanity," she admits, "but it also gives me a platform to speak out on behalf of everybody with Down's Syndrome. The prejudice we suffer is a kind of racism. People look away from us because they are embarrassed or find us ugly. They rarely take the trouble to sit down and talk to us with respect, to find out how we really feel. And nobody ever considers giving somebody with Down's Syndrome a job."

Down's Syndrome, a genetic anomaly which strikes about one in 800 children results in various levels of intellectual impairment. But as Sigal has proved, they can

reach very high levels of achievement. Plastic surgery can ameliorate many of the facial stigmata, but Down's Syndrome is inevitably a condition that cannot be concealed.

Harel, like all poets, is articulate, passionate, and impressively forceful in expressing herself, and even speaks passably good English. But there is that tell-tale mumbled pronunciation that makes it difficult to follow her speech.

Despite everything, she leads a relatively normal life. Donning army uniform twice a week, Sigal participates in a special army program designed to give Down's Syndrome youngsters aged 18-22 a taste of the army and the feeling they are contributing to Israeli society. The program was initiated by Professor Reuven Feuerstein of Bar Ilan University's Department of Education and director of the Hadassah WIZO Canada Research Institute, one of the world's leading pioneers in the education of the retarded, and allows Sigal to perform maintenance functions in bases around the country.

Sigal lives on Kibbutz Negba with her boyfriend Arye Kil, 29, who also suffers from Down's Syndrome. Arriving in Israel 14 years ago from Riga in Latvia, Kil also writes poetry, but mostly in Russian. They met in the Israel Television studios where a magazine program was being filmed on Down's Syndrome. "It was love at first sight," recounts Harel, blushing with the memory. "I took one look at him and knew that I wanted to spend my life with him."

"We cannot have children," she confesses, "but I am grateful that we have found each other. It is enough just that we are together."

Harel feels compelled to return to the subject of prejudices encountered by Down's Syndrome sufferers. "Worst of all," she says, "are the tens of thousands of babies abandoned in hospitals by parents who cannot cope with the thought of having children with

Down's Syndrome. Its a kind of genocide."

And genocide is a subject that Harel is only too familiar with. Her parents Yehudit and Meno were both born in Hungary and survived Auschwitz. Reaching Israel they settled on Kibbutz Negba. Meno died last year at age 60 and Sigal's eyes fill with tears when she speaks of him. "I still cannot believe that he is no longer alive," she says. "People suggested that I write a poem for his funeral. I cannot write to order like that. But a few days after the shiva I felt compelled to go to my room and sit quietly for a few hours. And then I composed the poem that opens my anthology. The poem expresses my feelings but has not eased the pain."

Sigal credits her father for the opportunities she has enjoyed. "He always believed in my abilities," she says, "despite my disabilities. He fought the kibbutz to make sure that I was accepted into the regular school. He took my poems and found a publisher for them."

Sigal Harel may be a poetess with a difference but her deepest desire is to be acknowledged for her talent. Her poetry reveals a sensitive, emotional young woman with typical sensibilities, as this poem entitled "Just Know" about teenage jealousy and sexual rivalry shows.

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Poems by Sigal Harel



My Father's Death

Why did you leave us now?
When I'm in the midst of life,
Wait and again too late,
And you flow over my body,
I loved you,
Like you love me,
You are out of my soul,
But your words remain,
Up on the hill after you,
Whisper,
Help Mummy,
Your voice shatters inside me,
And my heart burns,
I want you,
To learn your secrets,
And lately I am washed away,
Dreams that I crossed with you,
Steps in to your heart.



Just know,
That she wants you,
I think of you,
But you. . .you,
I do not mind,
That I am left on one side,
She calls you,
To her to the end,
Go you,
And what of me,
You should only know that I was,
With him,
Before you oh.
Make a big deal of it,
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High Holidays Then and There, Here and Now

by Estelle Hoffman

Rosh Hashonah and Yom Kippur slip back on the calendar in the fall each year, until a Leap Month is added to the Jewish Calendar, keeping the High Holidays in September and October. This year they are September 16 and 17 and the 25th.

As these holy days approach, our minds slip back in memory to other years, former places, and to those near and dear to us in those days. For me in Chicago, my birthplace, earliest recollections are of solemn days filled with many restrictions. My understanding of the occasion was slight, like my participation.

With my young cousins, I visited my father in the Orthodox synagogue, whose Ark and Bima his father had carved and built. On those visits I saw many women crying, but mostly there were men who prayed and read aloud in disunison. I know better now, but when I was a child, I thought the Hebrew language they were speaking was something they could read, but nobody understood, the meaning lost in the distant past.

The weeping affected me most. I asked my mother why those people cried, when there seemed to be no cause. Ah, the weeping, she told me, was for past suffering, for

poverty, illness and losses in "the old country." They lamented the hardships of their youth, the cruelty of tyrants, the cold winters, want of food, crowded misery of homes and long hopelessness.

Before long, I was to learn from Jewish history that suffering was part of the tradition. Back to the first century of the common era, the struggle could be traced. Periods of relative comfort ended abruptly. Forced relocation in a succession of inhospitable lands caused our people to draw ever more closely together, usually at the dictates of the regional laws.

Sorrow seemed to be woven into the fiber of Judaism. From what I saw about me, it was unappealing. I never heard the glad songs, was not exposed to Jewish humor. The great wave of Jewish immigrants before and after the turn of the 20th century came willingly to America, but life was not easy for the first generation.

As my generation matured, changes occurred. There were World War II and the Holocaust, more suffering overseas, and fear and more weeping at home, but then discrimination became unpopular, even illegal.

And look at us now. Surely, never before, in our long history, have we

enjoyed freedom and the absence of all of the old afflictions as we do here and now. Miraculously, there is a State of Israel, whose existence represents the only nation recreated, language and land. It is a time for great rejoicing amongst us.

On Rosh Hashonah and Yom Kippur, the atmosphere is no longer one of suffering and lamentation. Some of our present concerns stem such from acceptance that we fear intermarriage as the greatest threat to our survival. Yet, it can be argued that we never had it so good.

In the past five decades, Jewish humor has become part of our lives. Jewish comedians and writers of humor in all the media have dominated the field, presenting to everyone else our humanity. Barriers have fallen. We see Jews in high positions in fields of academia, science, the arts, and best of all, in government. In the eyes of all, we enjoy full equality. Hate groups are watched vigilantly. We cannot expect everyone to love us, but we are thriving, here and now. There is laughter instead of crying.

To have witnessed the changes in Jewish life within the span of one lifetime is good fortune that could have been only a dream to our ancestors. I want to cast away the lingering fears and doubts as Rosh Hashonah is celebrated this year. In gratitude, as we take account of ourselves, according to the demands of the beginning of a new year, we need to dedicate ourselves to helping others.

There is opportunity for improvement all over the world. We are the fortunate ones, here and now. There is hope, and if everyone joins in the effort, we can repair the world.

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LETTERS

Dear Editor:

The news article titled *Beyond Words* by George Porochnik in your July - August issue was of great interest to me for several reasons: First, I've always been interested in the art of cartooning. I've even been accused of being a "closet cartoonist" by some who know me. Second, I was surprised to read that "the Israeli Cartoonist Association was holding its first ever exhibition" this year, since I had visited a similar exhibit in July of 1987.

My husband Stanley and I went to the beautiful Jerusalem Theater to view a delightful exhibit by Israeli political cartoonists titled "facing the Mirror." The selected cartoons were displayed in the lobby and throughout the spacious multilevel gallery leading up to the balcony area of the theater.

Even though I understand Hebrew, I am not always familiar with the latest slang or current political slogans and shenanigans.

As a consequence, the humorous sting of some of the cartoons was lost on me and could only be truly appreciated by the myriad of frustrated citizens who are constantly being forced to "fight city hall." Still, much of the humor



"Marriage of Convenience" Peres and Shamir.

was universal, and the excellent artistic quality, especially the caricatures of familiar personalities, was great fun to view.

I don't know whether the "Shpitz '93" exhibit described in your article was limited to pen-and-ink drawings, but the one we attended had entrees ranging from basic fare to colors of life-like caricatures. The piece de resistance was a four foot papier-mâché hilarious sculpture of Yitzhak

EDITORS CORNER

Thank you for the overwhelming response to our reader's survey. As you will be able to tell from the changes in this September issue, we have listened. We have made some changes that you requested and added a few ideas we thought you may enjoy. It has been a pleasure hearing from so many of you. If you have any suggestions for making *The American Jewish Times Outlook* more relevant or any complaints about what we are doing, please write me. I promise a quick personal response. *The American Jewish Times Outlook* is, after all, your magazine — we want to know what you are thinking and be responsive to your needs.

May the New Year bring to you and your family health and happiness and prosperity.

L'Shanah Tovah!

P.S. The article that appeared in last month's issue "Remember When?" was published in April 1939
Sorry we did not have any winners!

Shamir and Shimon Peres depicted as bride and groom under a "chuppah" in the center of the gallery.

Sincerely,
Elkie Tulman

Dear Editor,

I enjoyed reading your article on travel. I would like to share with your readers an incredible journey I participated in this past May. I took a wonderful trip to Alaska. I travelled on the Princess Cruise Line on the inland waterway.

The glaciers are spectacular! A Rabbi from Australia was aboard and conducted services which included challe and kosher wine.

Sincerely,
Betty L. Silver

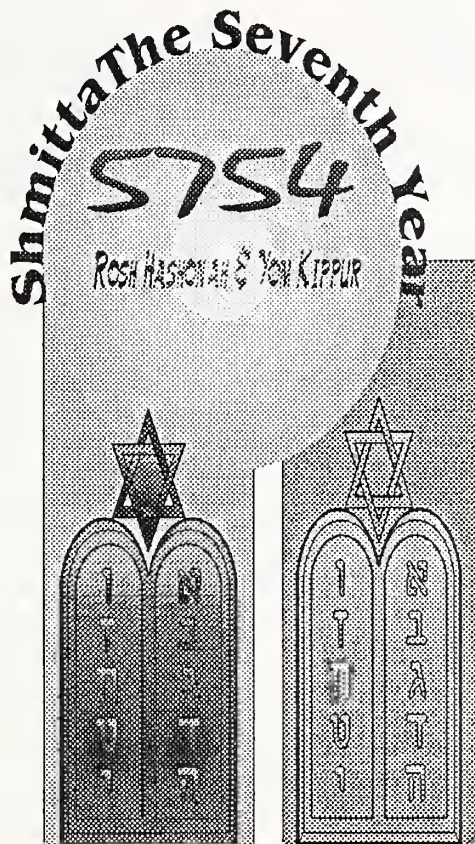
When Rosh Hashana is ushered in on 1st Tishrei 5754 (corresponding to September 16th, 1993), it will mark the beginning of a "shmitta" (sabbatical) year, the seventh year, a year of rest for the soil: "And six years you shall sow your land, and you shall gather in its produce but the seventh year you shall let it rest and lie fallow." (Exodus 23:10-11)

The shmitta year is also one which we are commanded to release certain debts: "At the end of every seven years, thou shalt make a release. And this is the manner of the release: every creditor shall release that which he lent unto his neighbor." (Deuteronomy 15:1-2)

Although the laws of the sabbatical remittance of debts apply to Jews everywhere, the obligation to let the land lie fallow is limited to the boundaries of Israel, as they apply only "when ye come into the land which I give you.." (Leviticus 25:2)

For many generations (until crop rotation was implemented in the early part of the century), both Jews and gentiles saw the advantages of letting land rest in order to regain its vitality. The law of shmitta was theoretically discussed by Talmudic scholars in the Diaspor, after the destruction of the First Temple, but on the return of the Jewish people to their land and the rebuilding of the Temple, they rigidly adhered to it.

In later years, when Julius Caesar



took control of the Land of Israel, he exempted the Jews from taxation every even years since "they neither take fruit from the tree, nor do they sow." After the abortive Bar Kochba revolt (135 CE), however, the Jews were again compelled to pay taxes during a shmitta year, causing grave hardships. This, in turn, convinced the rabbis to relax many prohibitions for that period.

In modern Israel, shmitta's heavy economic load was too much for the young State, so in the early part of the century, learned rabbis (among them the late Rabbi Abraham Yitzhak Kook), agreed to the use of a "heter" (dispensation) during the Sabbatical year, to sell land to non-Jews (much like we sell "hametz" at Pesach). This permitted the land to be worked.

In recent years, other methods of using a "heter" have also been perfected, such as the early sowing of vegetable before Rosh Hashanna

(relying on the view of Rabbi Shimon of Sens) and the growing of crops by hydroponics or other soil-less systems.

Israeli botanist Meir Schwartz was the founder of the first fully automatic hydroponic farm at the Agudat Israel Kibbutz Hafetz Chaim, near Ashkelon. There are now other hydroponic farms at Ein Gedi and Eilat which use gravel and water culture.

How does the shmitta year affect orthodox Israelis? Throughout the year, lists of shops

selling permitted fruits and vegetables that were either grown on non-Jewish soil or came from abroad, appear in the orthodox press. Before the 'intifada', many Jews bought produce in East Jerusalem, but that is no longer the case.

Jews who approve of the sale of the land for the year, continue to enjoy the produce of the kibbutzim and moshavim. But many observant Jews do not. Although dispensations have been permitted in recent years, they are really emergency measure as implied by Rabbi Kook in the introduction to his work on the shmitta: "Shabbat Ha'aretz" (Sabbath of the Land): "We today are charged with preserving the memory of the commandment until the time is ripe for it to be carried out with all of its minutiae!"

Just as observant Jews work six
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Jewish Holiday Specialties

Recipes from Our Food by Anita Hirsch

Anita Hirsch, a trained nutritionist who keeps a traditional kosher kitchen, has reworked the classic recipes from Eastern Europe, lightening them, taking out much of the fat and cholesterol.

Gefilte Fish

6 cups water
1 pound raw fish fillets: haddock, pike, carp, white fish, buffalo fish, mullet, or a combination
2 carrots, peeled and sliced
1 stalk celery, sliced
2 small onions, 1 sliced and 1 finely chopped
2 egg whites, slightly beaten
1/4 cup matzoh meal
Dash of pepper
1 tea. sugar
lettuce leaves
Horseradish Sauce
Lemon slices (garnish)

Bring the water to boil in a 4-quart pot. Turn heat to low, add the fish, and simmer for 5 minutes or until cooked through and white. Remove the fish from the pan and allow to cool in a bowl. Set aside. Reserve the cooking liquid. Add the the carrots, celery, and sliced onion to the liquid. Mash the fish with a fork. Add the finely chopped onion, egg whites, and matzoh meal to the fish.

Wet your hands to keep the fish from sticking to them and form the fish into 6 to 8 balls. Bring the fish stock to a boil, lower heat to simmer, and add fish balls. After

each ball is added, shake the pot slightly to keep balls from sticking together. Cover and cook for 1 hour. Almost all the water will be absorbed. During cooking, shake the pot occasionally and add water, it necessary.

Per ball: 114 calories; 17 gms. protein; 9 gms. carbohydrates; 0.85 gm. fat; 68 mgs. cholesterol; 87 mgs. sodium.

Kreplach

Makes 12 to 16 Kreplach
1/4 lb. ground turkey or chicken
2 tbl. finely chopped onion
dash offinely ground fresh pepper
dash of cinnamon

Dough

1 egg or egg substitute, beaten
2/3 cup flour
1 to 2 tbls. water, if necessary
6 cups chicken stock or water

To prepare the filling, combine the ground turkey or chicken with the onion, pepper, and cinnamon and set aside.

To prepare the dough, combine the beaten egg and the flour. Add water if necessary to hold dough together. Knead with oiled hands until elastic. roll out on a lightly floured board until it is about 1/4 inch thick. Cut the dough into 2 inch squares. Place about 1 tea. filling in the center of the dough.

Fold the dough into a triangle. Press the edges firmly together with the fingers. Placing a little water on the edges of the dough before sealing will help them stick together. Set the kreplach aside for 10 minutes. Bring the 6 cups chicken stock or water to a boil in a 3 to 4 quart pot. Drop the kreplach, one at a time, into the stock, lower the heat, and simmer for 20 to 30 minutes. Kreplach can be served in the stock as a soup, drained and served on a salad plate, or placed under the broiler until brown.

Per kreplach: 43 calories; 3 gms. protein; 5 gms. carbohydrates; 0.8 gm. fat; 24 mgs cholesterol; 12 mgs. sodium

Potato Kugel

Pareve ~ Serves 6 (2 each)
6 large potatoes
1 onion
2 eggs or egg substitutes
2 egg whites
1/4 cup potato flour or unbleached flour
1/2 teaspoon baking powder
dash of pepper
1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
2 teaspoons olive oil

Preheat oven to 350°F.
Peel and finely shred the potatoes and onion. Beat the eggs and egg 3 sweet potatoes, peeled and cut into chunks

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Yemenite Style for Rosh Hashana

by Daniel Rogov

Legend has it that Jewish settlement in Yemen began more than 3,000 years ago, when King Solomon sent soldiers from Jerusalem to the southern tip of the Arabian Peninsula to safeguard the rich spice caravans that made their way through the Land of Sheba. It is more likely, however, that Jewish merchants from Babylonia (Iraq) and Persia (Iran) who traded with Daba and Kush (near Ethiopia), settled in Yemen in the course of their business.

While separated geographically from centers of Jewish learning, the Yemenite Jews zealously guarded their religious and cultural traditions. They were also active in financially supporting academies in Babylonia and Egypt.

From the mid-16th century, when the Ottomans occupied Yemen, the

Jews were persecuted and lived in poverty.

Yemenite Jews first began arriving in Israel in 1881, and by 1919 numbered over 4,000. Some 15,000 arrived during the British Mandate (1917-48), and in "Operation Magic Carpet" (1949-50), over 48,000 Yemenites - almost the entire Jewish community - were airlifted to Israel.

Yemenites have become part of the mainstream of Israeli society but have maintained their traditions. The unique intonation of their Hebrew speech, their singing and dancing, and their colorful garb, are now part and parcel of Israeli life. But no part of the Yemenite culture has been more happily accepted than its cuisine.

At Rosh Hashana, the holiday meal begins with a plate of "ga'la," a

mixture of roasted peanuts, raisins, almonds and fruits, over which is uttered the traditional blessing to the Creator of the fruits of the tree, the vine and the earth.

In most Yemenite households, guests at the New Year feast are seated on cushions around copper tables. The traditional bread dipped in "hilbeh" (clarified butter to which fenugreek seeds have been added), is eaten associated with ancient fertility beliefs.

Lamb, mutton and beef are the most popular meats at the Rosh Hashana feast, and honey, tomatoes, cucumbers and mushrooms are often used in cooking.

The following Holiday recipes are from Yemenite families residing in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv.

Appetizer

Mutton Meatballs

- 1 lb. boneless mutton or lamb, minced
- 1 medium onion, chopped finely
- 1 slice white bread, without crusts
- 1 egg
- 1 tsp. parsley, chopped
- 1/2 tsp. each salt and black pepper
- 1-2 cloves garlic, chopped
- 1/4 tsp. tabasco sauce

Mix the meat, onion, bread, egg, parsley, salt, and paprika. Knead well by hand and form

into balls about 1" diameter. Sprinkle with the flour.

Heat a small amount of oil in a heavy skillet and brown the meatballs over a high flame. Reduce the flame, add enough oil to just cover the meatballs and cook, covered, over a medium flame until the meatballs are done. May be served hot or cold.

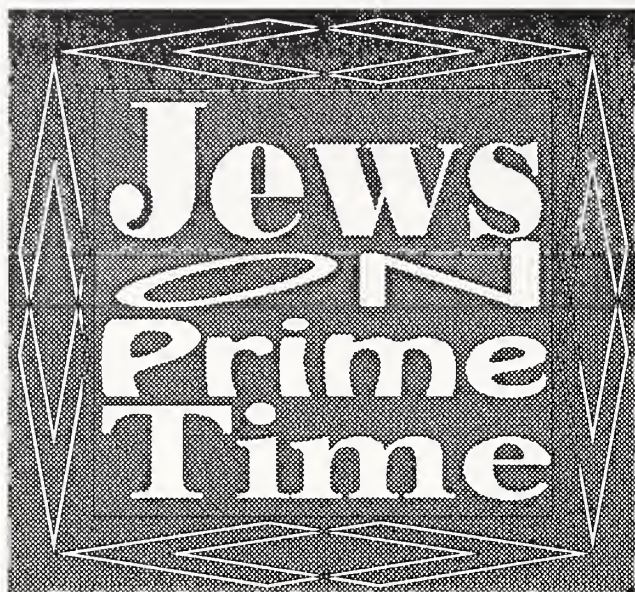
Soup

- 1 Tbsp. fenugreek seeds
- 1/2 tsp. tomato puree
- 3 cups chicken or beef stock
- pita bread
- juice of 2 lemons

Cover the fenugreek seeds with water and soak for three hours. Drain and grind finely. Add the tomato puree and 1 Tsp. of water and blend together well. Place the mixture over a low flame, stirring constantly until boiling. Remove immediately from the flame and set aside.

Heat the stock and to this add the fenugreek mixture. Bring to a boil over a medium flame, stirring constantly,

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Jews on Prime Time

by Jonathan & Judith Pearl
(Reprinted from Reform Judaism)

How does TV present Jews?

Since its inception in the 1940's, TV has presented a highly diverse yet fundamentally positive palette of Jewish themes and characters. Viewers have been exposed to a huge variety of "televimages"—mikveh, bar mitzvah, weddings, funerals, Brit Milah, Brit Bat, Kabbalat Shabbat, conversion, kashrut, kaddish and davening, to anti-Semitism, the Holocaust, the Jewish immigrant experience, interfaith relations, intermarriage and Israel.

TV has portrayed Jewish characters (both men and women) as doctors, lawyers, Mossad agents, shopkeepers, police officers, criminals, soldiers, rabbis, cantors, psychiatrists, business executives, politicians, Holocaust survivors, journalists and Nazi-hunters. For many viewers who may never have met a Jew in person TV Jews may be their only source of Jewish information. Studies indicate that

viewers often take TV to be reality; therefore TV depictions have enormous potential to affect real-life behavior, attitudes, knowledge and worldview.

Much of what popular TV is telling America about Jews is clearly beneficial, such

as television's recurring depictions of the evils of anti-Semitism and the need for all — Jews and non-Jews alike — to fight it. Even "All in the Family's" Archie Bunker, arguably America's best known and "best-loved" bigot, joined a group to fight against synagogue vandalism after his niece's shul came under attack. The beloved Mary Richards of the "Mary Tyler Moore Show," one of TV's best and most popular situation comedies, shunned a new-found friend upon learning she was an anti-Semite. The actions of such characters can have a far greater impact than any books, lectures, news or documentaries.

Intermarriage on TV

The wisdom, traditions and heritage of Judaism have been portrayed favorably in recent episodes of the animated series "The Simpsons" and "The Wonder Years." Such programs not only transmit to non-Jews some of the best aspects of our heritage but also serve as positive reminders for Jews of what is sometimes forgotten about Judaism.

In Considering the impact of TV shows upon Jewish viewers, perhaps

no image has garnered as much attention and controversy as that of intermarriage and interdating. Portrayals of interfaith romance present a variety of approaches to the challenges of interfaith unions such as couples breaking up on religious grounds, converting, and deciding in what faith to raise their children.

Although nearly every scenario has been played out, there is a discernible evolution in television's images of intermarriage. In TV's earlier years, when the melting pot was America's driving philosophy, young characters often blithely intermarried as a means of achieving a desired homogenization, often over the outmoded objection of Old World parents. In contrast, on many contemporary shows, such as "thirtysomething," "The Commish," and "Sisters," intermarried couples are shown as seriously dealing with the challenges raised by the interfaith unions. As a stark example of television's sea change in this sphere, in 1972 when "Bridget Loves Bernie" addressed the issue of how to raise any children they might have, the intermarried couple "decided" that they would have twins, so as to raise one Jewish and one as Catholic. No such easy solutions awaited Michael and Hope Steadman on "thirtysomething" almost two decades later. The birth of their children sets Michael on a journey of painful and thoughtful soul-searching as he seeks to come to terms with his Jewish identity.

Angst Behind the Scenes

No doubt, the angst that viewers are witnessing on the screen is reflective of the anxiety taking place behind the screen. With Los Angeles' intermarriage rate at 70

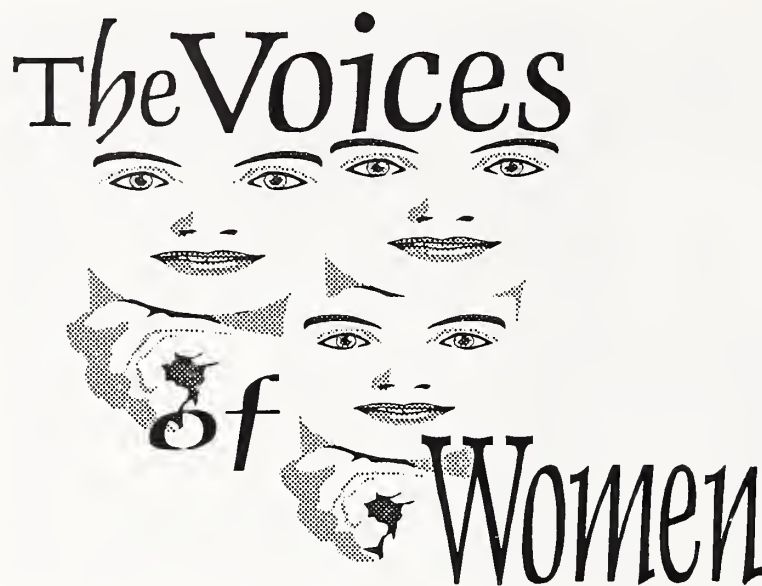
percent — the highest in the nation — many of Hollywood's Jewish writers and producers are likely undergoing similar soul-searching. Unlike their counterparts of an earlier generation who sought to blend into a new America (and created characters of the same persuasion), today's baby-boomers are trying to piece together their dislocated identities.

Even as TV confronts the issue of intermarriage with increasing seriousness and realism, an unfortunate imbalance remains. Nearly every Jewish character in a romantic situation is part of an interfaith relationship. Examples from the current season include "Flying Blind," "The Commish," "Love and War," "Cheers," and "L.A. Law," among others. Yet there are very few examples of Jewish-Jewish relationships today; shows such as "Reasonable Doubt" and "Sisters" are the exception. The near absence of Jewish-Jewish relationships on TV today not only ignores reality (after all, some 50 percent of Jewish marriages are endogamous), it sends young Jewish viewers the message that only interfaith romance is "cool" and thus worthy of TV's attention.

Given television's potential in shaping one's sense of religious and ethnic identity, the need to raise and address those issues cannot be overstated. Only through such awareness can we intelligently praise what is worthy, criticize what is not, utilize TV for education and discussion and work toward enhancing Jewish televimages.



The Voices of Women



by Alexander M. Schindler

On the 20th anniversary of the ordination of Sally Preisand, the first woman rabbi.

Today we celebrate the manifold and priceless contributions that women have made in every realm of our religious community's life. The empowerment of women within Reform Judaism was not an act of *noblesse oblige*. It was a gift to ourselves — an endowment from which the dividends of renewal and rejuvenation have not ceased to flow.

Sally's ordination was a revelation, for with it two thousand years of exclusivist assumptions collapsed. With well over 300 women now serving in the rabbinate, and many more serving as cantors and educators, as ritual circumcisers and administrators, it now seems obvious that women can and should serve in every realm of the religious life.

It would be disingenuous for me to suggest that this revelation in Jewish life is a *fait accompli*, that the sexist

practices of the past have ceased to exist; they have not vanished. Old stereotypes don't fade that fast.

They persist in the reluctance of certain large congregations to interview women rabbis for senior posts; in the salary inequities between male and female rabbis; in the rare tenuring of ordained women as faculty at the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, and in the sparsity of women rabbis serving as regional directors of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. And they persist in incidence of sexual harassment and condescension that undermine the very institutions of the rabbinate and cantorate and our seminary. For too many of us gender equality is a slogan, and not a reality.

In full partnership with our lay leadership, I have sought to propel the force of change within Reform

Jewish life, through resolutions, public and private agitation, dialogue and affirmative action. Much of the progress that has been translated into institutional reality over the past two decades in the realm of Outreach, gay and lesbian integration, spiritual renewal and numerical growth have direct ties to feminist inclusion. My convictions on this score are deeply rooted. I was born in a different age, so there are times when I inadvertently revert to more habitual tracks of thought and speech. But in the realm of policy, I have always stood, and will continue to stand firmly, as an ally of our pioneering Jewish women.

But I do feel discomfited by those who have portrayed the rabbinate in its all-male days as universally hierarchical, power-oriented, unconcerned with intimacy — as if these competitive instincts were the exclusive function of maleness. Many male rabbis are compassionate and caring, and seek community and not power in their congregations and careers — and they did so long before the first woman rabbi was ever ordained.

Nor is it true that the ordination and investiture of women is a total rupture with the Jewish past — that women's liberation has no roots whatsoever in the patriarchal, hierarchical system of the Jewish tradition. In reality, Judaism's attitude toward women is rather

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more complex. Thus we find two stories of human creation, one steeped in the spirit of equality, the other in a spirit of subordination. We find two contradictory strains of rabbinic teaching, one viewing women as a vessel, the other regarding women as so spiritually elevated that they can call down the very rain heaven to water the parched earth. And we find in Judaism men with tears in their eyes and women brandishing tent pegs and swords in their hands.

Nevertheless, even at its best, tradition speaks of women largely in relation to men, rarely in relation to God, more rarely in relation to self or to other women. The tradition generally speaks *about* women, only occasionally *to* women, and until recently, never in the voices *of* women.

"Now for the first time, opportunities have arisen for women to join in the conversation," writes Rachael Adler, a California-based author. herein lies the

transformative impact of our 20-year-old revelation on Jewish life: the voices of women are heard in the synagogue. But, more precisely, what has this "joining in the conversation" meant for Judaism?

Our pioneering women have ended exclusion and established inclusiveness as the new order of Jewish life. Inclusiveness permits the female experience of birth and motherhood to be a part of synagogue life and thus allows our image of God as nurturing Mother to find enthronement in our minds. Inclusiveness encourages the building of circles rather than towers as our goal and our greatest achievement—the concentric circles of community in which God and Torah are at the very center. Inclusiveness strengthens the "authority" of the rabbinate by living kindness.

By "joining in the conversation," our women rabbis and cantors and educators have also enlarged our

understanding of Judaism. In their approach to our classical text they bring insights unique to women and thereby enable us to grasp a more complete and a more fully authentic Judaism. Indeed, it is the women of Israel who first embraced the Torah — so we are taught. It is the women of Israel who withheld their gold from the idolators who built the Golden Calf. And had only one woman been missing from the foot of Mt. Sinai, so Shimon bar Yochai instructed us, the Revelation of the Ten Commandments would have been withheld from us all.

In sum, then, our pioneering women professionals have been no less than midwives to the rebirth of Judaism in our lifetimes. They enable us all to stand again at Sinai. They have enlarged the tabernacle of Judaism, and with the expansion of our community has come the expansion of our souls. Like the midwives of Egypt, they have blended storm and sunshine, innovation and tradition to redeem Judaism and help us all travel anew to holy ground.



All In the Family

The Roving *Russian* Torah has Found a New Home

by Lynnda Lewis Targan



Once upon a time, around the turn of the century, the home of Marsha and Aaron Grinberg was the hub of bustling Jewish activity in a small *shtetl* near Moscow. Though they were not officially able to own land in Russia under czarist rule, the Grinberg family managed to live comfortably, acquiring a spacious dwelling, replete with a barn, situated in a lovely pastoral setting.

The house doubled as the community synagogue, where friends and neighbors gathered daily for minyan, to pray, to name babies, to say Kaddish, to celebrate Jewish lifecycle rituals and holidays and to conduct community affairs. At appropriate Torah-reading times, a small Sefer Torah, written by a commissioned scribe who lived with the Grinbergs for a year, was removed from the ark situated on the Jerusalem-facing living-room wall.

For many years, the makeshift synagogue and the little Sefer Torah served the community well, and the Jews co-existed separately and peacefully with their non-Jewish neighbors. Then came the pogroms, the persecutions and finally the Russian Revolution of 1917. The Grinbergs knew they had to get out of the country to protect themselves and their youngest children, Solomon and Annie, who were the only two of their six children not yet dispersed

to safety in America.

They moved hastily, selling priceless possessions to earn the family's passage to the "New World." All that remained of their comfortable lifestyle and their culture was some gold and the precious Sefer Torah. But their dreams of a new life were shattered by gunfire from a thief's gun, just as they were about to make the journey.

Marsha and her son Solomon were critically wounded; the sacred Torah was grazed by a stray bullet, its handle badly damaged.

In 1921, Marsha and Solomon recovered sufficiently to attempt to leave the country with the others. The Grinbergs wandered through the Russian woods, hiding the Torah in a specially built wooden box, stuffed with whatever gold they had managed to salvage. They used the gold to bribe Polish border guards, who permitted them to remain in Warsaw until it was possible to make their way to Antwerp, Belgium.

Finally, on Feb. 9, 1922, the Grinbergs, in Antwerp, carrying the resilient family Torah, boarded the Karoonland ship, part of the "Red Star Line," and they settled on Manhattan's Lower East Side.

The Russian Torah found a home in the nearby synagogue, where the

Orthodox Greenbergs *davened* three times a day. Once again, the family Torah became the focal point for local Jewish family life.

Later, Solomon followed sister Bessie, leaving his parents' New York home to build a future in the South, where the Jewish community had established a colorful presence. Shortly thereafter, Solomon married Vivian Cohen, of Spartanburg, SC, and the couple move first to Charlotte and eventually to Greensboro, NC, where they settled. In 1934, their first child, my friend, Evelyn, was born.

When Aaron and Marsha died, Solomon retrieved the family Torah, paying the New York synagogue \$150, and moved it to Temple Emanuel, a Reform congregation in Greensboro. In 1946, Solomon and a group of other men founded Greensboro's Conservative synagogue, Beth David, initially with no official building housing it. Though women did not read from the Torah at that time, in 1947, Evelyn became the congregation's first Bat Mitzvah at services conducted at a local hotel. A couple of years later, a building was created for Beth David Synagogue, and the Russian Torah was moved into the *aron hakodesh*. Evelyn became one of the first confirmand in the new building.

In 1958, Evelyn met and soon married Ira Peck in a ceremony at

Beth David Synagogue during her father Solomon's term of office as congregation president. Later, Ira and Evelyn moved to Philadelphia and joined Temple Sinai, which at the time was located on Washington Lane in West Oak Lane. When Evelyn's mother died in 1966, her father routinely visited Philadelphia for the holidays, finding joy in his daughter's home and in her *haimish* synagogue with its "impressive" scholarly spiritual leader, Rabbi Sidney Greenberg.

The Torah was "loaned" to Temple Sinai in 1969 at Solomon's request. Both of his grandsons, Larry in 1974 and Michael in 1977, read from the Russian Torah at their bar mitzvah ceremonies.

Larry and Michael Peck carried the family Torah to the new building, when, in 1979, Temple Sinai moved its headquarters to its present location in Dresher. The Russian Torah, with its repaired broken handle, lived in Temple Sinai's majestic ark for more than 20 years alongside other more regal-looking Torahs. But the Greenberg family Torah maintained its own commanding presence.

Occasionally, it was loaned to other family members who requested it. Evelyn's nieces, Marsha Matusow's daughters, Vivian and Adena, both read from the family Torah at Temple Beth Tikvah during their bat mitzvah celebrations. From time to time, the Southern relatives requested the Torah, as well, and somehow, it always made it to shul before Shabbat.

This past Memorial Day weekend, Evelyn's cousin, Todd, was married at a ceremony at Beth David Synagogue in Greensboro, the same synagogue Evelyn's father and

mother had founded years earlier. Todd read from the Russian Torah before his wedding, and the d'var Torah he delivered told the story of the historic Torah that had meant so much to the family.

After the ceremony, the Russian Torah travelled with Todd and his new bride to Temple Israel, part of a new complex called "Shalom Park" in Charlotte, NC. Todd's father, Bill Gorelick, and uncle, Shelton, were active in bringing the project to fruition.

Next year, Evelyn and Ira will retire in the South.

"The Gorelicks are pillars in the tightly knit, thriving Jewish community in Charlotte," Evelyn says. "The Torah belongs with them."

From shtetl to Charlotte, with a few memorable stops along the way, the venerable Russian Torah has a new, permanent home. But it won't be resting there. Whenever or wherever needed, the Grinberg Torah will be available, connecting the past and the future for all the generations of Jews it touches along the way.

Lynnda Lewis Targan is an Ambler, PA-based freelance writer.

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1 lb. prunes with pits
1/2 cup brown sugar

Heat the oil in a 6 to 8 quart Dutch oven and add the onion. Saute on low for 10 minutes until softened. Add the beef and brown on all sides. When the beef is browned, add the water, bring to a boil, lower heat to simmer, cover, and cook for 1 hour. Add the carrots, sweet potatoes, prunes, and brown sugar. Cover and cook for an hour, or until the meat is very tender and the vegetables are sweet and very soft.

Per serving: 268 calories; 14 gms. protein; 44 gms. carbohydrates; 5 gms. fat; 34 mgs. cholesterol; 46 mgs. sodium

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days and rest on the seventh, dedicating the Sabbath to their connection with God, so shmitta, the seventh year, explains the Torah, affirms God's absolute ownership of the land.

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The itinerant preacher walked through the door of the Main Street clothing merchant during the busy Christmas selling season in 1975. He quickly spotted a young woman, the North Carolina shopkeeper's new wife from New York. He walked steadily toward her with his head tucked down a bit, took off his hat, and proudly said, "I've just been to your homeland." The young woman looked at the man, fire shooting from her eyes and said, "and how did you like Roslyn, Long Island?" The preacher noticeably confused, said, "Oh, I meant Isryeale," elongating the syllables of the Holy Land as he had been taught in Bible college. The preacher left the store quickly. The young bride smiled, proud of her retort that had struck with the accuracy of a SCUD missile. Having been warned by her family that she might run into "people like the preacher" down South, she had been ready. The husband, born and reared in this small Southern town watched the whole incident play out, understanding both his wife AND the preacher, sad to be watching a communication gap as wide as the mouth of the Mississippi.

Forty one of my forty five years, I lived in Sylva, a little town fifty miles west of Asheville. White frame churches with steeples occupied almost every corner lot

including the corner next to the house I grew up in. I remember many a night that our doorbell rang with a nervous couple outside asking to be married, thinking that Dad was the preacher since our house was next to the church. Some of my best friends were the Methodist preacher's sons and daughters who did live in a parsonage behind the church. Every four years there would be a new preacher moving in, usually with a young family. All the sales people that worked for years in Schulman's Department Store, Style Center of Sylva, were also gentile as was Dr. Daniel, the sole pediatrician in town, and Bill Fisher, the local banker. Nevertheless, when supertime arrived we never mixed our fleishadicha and milchadich silverware, and the term "hawser" was only a smell we associated with driving by Troy's Bar-B-Que Drive-In. I learned alot in Sylva.

When our Christian neighbors and friends lost a family member, they cried just like we did. When the

summer heated up, they got very thirsty, just like us. When the miracle of a baby was conceived or our mothers or wives gave birth, they did the same way we did. When our heads were low, and we needed a shoulder to lean on, when we looked up it might be our Christian neighbor standing there as quick as a fellow Jew. When gentiles got mad, their faces got

red, just like ours did, and when things got intense, their hands might ball up into a fist of anger in the exact manner as mine did. Southern Jews learned from an early age in those small



David Schulman with Rabbi Gelberman in 1961.

towns that they were very different, but very much the same, too. That small vague fact of life is something too many people who live too long with only like-minded people sometimes fail to grasp.

It is amazing that truths can be found in the most unlikely places. Last week, my son, Nathan, was reading the back of the Sugar Crisp

cereal box. There was a beautiful picture of a rainbow and above it was the question ... Did you know that we only see half a rainbow? It went on to say that a rainbow looks like an arc, but it really is not. If you looked down on a rainbow from an airplane, you see that it forms a complete circle. Since we are usually on the ground when we see a rainbow, we only see half of the circle.

It is really very easy to see half of a picture. I attended a morning minion prayer service for awhile. I enjoyed this very much, but as I observed some of the others laying twifilin with the black box strapped to their foreheads, I did realize that if someone other than a Jewish person walked in during that moment, it might look a bit strange to them... out of their normal range of daily activities. I am often in Jewish meetings where someone gets up and derisively quotes someone they saw on a very "strange" local Christian cable channel we have in Asheville. Guess what? The Presbyterian minster with whom I sometimes eat breakfast at the Huddle House thinks that same television minister is pretty strange too, and that the TV show is no more representative of most Christians than Roseanne Barr's actions are of most Jews.

As we enter into the High Holy Days, I have a prayer and a dream. It is that though we must never let down our defenses low enough for the disgusting William Dudley Pelleys or skinheads to get by them, though we must be resolute and firm in the face of lies and evil, my prayer is that someday we Jews realize there is a big difference between prejudice and the fear of prejudice. We need not assimilate or surrender to be genuinely open

with others of our same race, the human race, with which we share our lives. We need never assume that just because one is Jewish, he or she is necessarily a true friend anymore than assuming one is an automatic enemy because he or she isn't. We are smart enough to know prejudice when we come face to face with it, and we are strong enough to deal with it. We need not search for an enemy that may not be there. The stereotypical viewpoint among some Jewish people that Christians only want to proselytize us in every alley is just not the daily reality of most Christians that I know. Many sincerely want to know more about us, simply because they care. Trust me, if I meet a stranger in a dark alley, I much prefer it to be a Christian any day than an ungodly thug trying to kill me for my Nikes.

On my Bar Mitzvah thirty two years ago, I was pretty nervous being in the "big" town of Asheville far away from comfortable Sylva. One of the major "kanockers" of the congregation came into the rabbi's study, looked at me sourly and said nothing. He walked up to the rabbi and said, "The only reason I am here tonight is to hear you again." My heart fell, but I walked to the pulpit and started services. I stumbled a bit early on, but looked up into the audience as I had been instructed. High in the upper balcony sat my beloved neighbors, Rev. Maxwell, his wife, and family. The two boys, Jonathan and David, were making funny faces at me trying to get me to light up just like they said they would a few days earlier when we played basketball in my driveway. I winked at them, took a deep breath of confidence, and gave the performance of my lifetime. Later Dad told me how proud of me he was. A boy never forgets the moments when his father tells him

that. I bet if I had looked a little harder, I could have seen a complete rainbow over the heads of the Maxwells who had come to support me, their very different yet similar friend, that night.

From Roslyn to Israel, from Sylva to Williamsburg, Brooklyn, from Bosnia to Iraq, may we see a better year of brotherhood and a happy New Year. Like that old Southern hymn, "May the circle be unbroken," and to that let us all say, Amen.

The Art of Living

The art of living successfully consists of being able to hold two opposite ideas in tension at the same time: first, to make long term plans as if we were going to live forever; and, second, to conduct ourselves as if we were going to die tomorrow.

Fear not that your life shall come to an end, but rather fear that it shall never have a beginning.

A long life may not be good enough but a good life is long enough.

We must make up for the threatened brevity of life by heightening the intensity of life.

The waste of life lies in the love we have not given, the powers we have not used, the selfish prudence which will risk nothing, and which shirking pain, misses happiness as well.

Life is not a having and a getting, but a being and a becoming.

Life's greatest achievement is the continual remaking of yourself so that at last you know how to live.

To live well we must have: a faith fit to live by, a self fit to live with, and a work fit to live for.

If I am not for myself, who will be for me? Yet if I am for myself alone what am I? And if not now, when?

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NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE From the President



Lewis Eisenstadt

The Blumenthal Home is completing its 28th year of service to the elderly of North and South Carolina. We can look back proudly at this New Year to the following accomplishments.

- Our authorized component of nursing home and personal care beds is operating at close to full utilization.
- Our fiscal condition is currently in balance as a result of prudent management, favorable interest rates on our debt service, a full census, and your generous contributions.
- In addition to the countless hours of service by members of your Board of Trustees, in the past year over 130 volunteers contributed in excess of 4,328 hours providing special services to our residents. This is the equivalent of having 2.5 additional full time employees.
- For the third consecutive year, we have been found to be deficiency free in an annual survey by the North Carolina Division of Facility Services.
- The year saw expansion of the Home's mission to provide services to the elderly throughout our widespread

and diverse area of service. The Dor L'Dor (Generation to Generation) program of support groups in the various communities is now a fixture in Greenville and Columbia, South Carolina and has been extended into the Durham/Chapel Hill, Raleigh, Greensboro and Charlotte areas. In addition, the bylaws have been amended to provide for three regional boards serving, respectively, the Research Triangle and points east; the Triad area; and the South and West including Charlotte, South Carolina, and Western North Carolina.

As we enter the New Year, we are faced with several new opportunities.

- Don Morris, our Executive Vice President for the past 7½ years, has resigned to accept a similar position in Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minnesota. We thank Don for his leadership and accomplishments and wish him well in his new position. A search committee is actively engaged in seeking a successor and it is our goal to have this person on board at the start of 1994.
- We are on the verge of successfully concluding the Capital Campaign to fund the Fair Oaks expansion. We must now devote our efforts to funding our steadily rising financial needs caused by the increased acuity level of our residents and shrinking governmental resources. Your continued support, financial and otherwise, is needed to continue our mission.

At this season of the New Year, Rosa and I wish you all L' Shanah Tovah.

Lewis M. Eisenstadt



Welcome

May you have a long, healthy, and happy life.

Emma Bates
Greensboro, NC
Harold Miller
Mocksville, NC
Robert Morrison
Granite Falls, NC
Thelma Voss
Lake Mary, FL



Sue Michielutte enjoys the shopping trip to Hanes Mall with volunteer Grant Queen.

In Memory

We mourn the loss of:

Mae Kornbluth
Mary Markland
Esther Pearson
Kate Pliner
Virginia Sketter
Don Warnick

May their cherished memories bring comfort to their loved ones.



Lynda Edmondson

Message From the Administrator/Acting Executive Director

The Staff of the Blumenthal Jewish Home send New Year's Greetings to the Residents and their families. We also wish to take this opportunity to thank members of the community who do so much to ensure quality of care and quality of life for the Residents.

The Staff are proud of their accomplishments this year. As we look to the New Year, however, we realize there are a number of challenges that face us. One issue which we are already addressing is the need to make our health care facility look less institutional and more home-like for the Residents who live here. Likewise it is important to keep our facility and furnishings as attractive as possible in order to compete with newer facilities. A generous bequest from the estate of Harry Sloan has provided funds for this project on our two skilled units. We will seek additional money to upgrade the environment on A-wing.

Another challenge we face is the ever-increasing cost of medical and nursing supplies and pharmaceuticals. Our Directors of Nursing and Pharmacy, along with other staff, are working diligently to obtain the most competitive pricing for these items and to ensure

that we deliver medical services to our residents in the most efficient manner possible.

New Federal Regulations continue to affect us. OSHA safety standards have added costs. The Medical and Family Leave Act will increase personnel costs, and the proposed health care reform legislation is expected to do the same. While costs are increasing, proposed cuts in Medicare and Medicaid may reduce the Home's revenue. As the Board of Directors and the managers draft a budget for the New Year, they are examining every program and every service to determine how to maintain high quality in the most cost-effective manner.



High Holy Days Schedule

September

Date	Day	Time	Event
15	Wednesday	6:15 p.m.	Eve of Rosh Hashanah, Services, Synagogue
16	Thursday	9:15 a.m.	First Day of Rosh Hashanah, Services, Synagogue
17	Friday	9:15 a.m.	Second Day of Rosh Hashanah, Services, Synagogue
24	Friday	6:15 p.m.	Eve of Yom Kippur – Kol Nidre, Services, Synagogue
25	Saturday	9:15 a.m. – 12 noon	Yom Kippur, Yiskor Services, Synagogue
		2:00 – 4:00	Services, Synagogue
		4:00 p.m.	Break the Fast (Upper Commons)
29	Wednesday	6:15 p.m.	Eve of Sukkot, Services, Synagogue
30	Thursday	9:15 a.m.	First Day of Sukkot, Services, Synagogue

October

1	Friday	9:15 a.m.	Second Day of Sukkot, Services, Synagogue
6	Wednesday	2:00 p.m.	Sukkot Celebration, Grand Sukkah, Jewish Folk Music by Dan Nichols
7	Thursday	9:15 a.m.	Shemini Atzeret, Yiskor Services, Synagogue
8	Friday	9:15 a.m.	Simchat Torah, Services, Synagogue

Maintaining a sufficient number of qualified employees is a challenge for all health care institutions. In the health care business, our "product" is service, and our success is measured by the quality and commitment of the people who provide these services. During my three years at the Blumenthal Home, I have felt very fortunate to work with the well-qualified, hard-working, and compassionate BJH staff. I am confident that they will, with your help, meet the challenges of the future.

Lynda Edmondson

BJH Receives Highest Possible Rating from State Agency

A deficiency-free nursing home survey is rare but not for the Blumenthal Jewish Home, which has received a "zero deficiencies" rating from the North Carolina Division of Facility Services for the third consecutive year. A team of surveyors from this agency visits nursing homes on an annual basis to determine recertification for continued participation in the Medicare/Medicaid program. Appearing unannounced the first week of July, the seven member team visited the Home. The survey team consisted of five nurses, a dietician, and a pharmacist who left no "chart" unturned in their three day survey.

Following an extensive examination (which included observing all facets of resident care and service, along with resident interviews) the team members met with the administrative staff and department managers to present their report. The North Carolina Division of Facility Services Survey team both congratulated and complimented the BJH staff and presented a report stating that no deficiencies were noted after reviewing the Home on an extensive 500 item check list.

The Survey Team members remarked on how impressed they were with the evident team work of the BJH staff and the quality of care which is provided. They noted how much they enjoyed

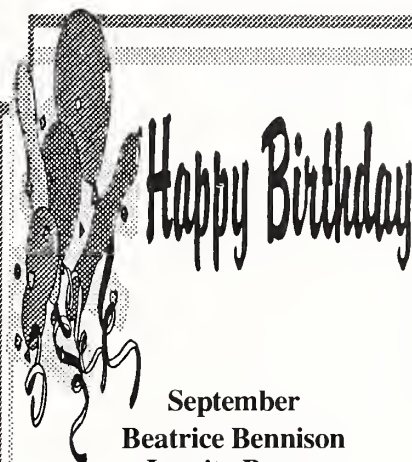
coming to BJH to conduct a survey at this facility. "It is a pleasure to see people who know how to take care of people in a humane way" added a member of the survey team.

Blumenthal Jewish Home has every reason to be proud of this accomplishment. It is an official measure of recognition of the immeasurable attention to detail and loving care that the staff always provides.

An article in the Steich Center Agenda (Spring 1993) quotes Dr. Ellisa Schroeder, Assistant Professor of Family and Community Medicine at Bowman Gray School of Medicine. "Caregiving has to be both personal and professional," says Dr. Schroeder, speaking on caregiving at a Conference on Aging held for health professionals in Winston-Salem, "without the personal, it is cold and ineffective. Without the professional dimension, all sense of standards and guidelines for weathering the tough times disappear..."

Blumenthal Jewish Home's combination of excellence in professionalism and personal attention meets these requirements, providing care that is personal and professional, effective and humane.

For more information, contact Sue Clein, Director of Marketing, or the Director of Admissions at 919-766-6401.



September

Beatrice Bennison
Juanita Brown
Miles Bryant
Charles Disher
Rose Germain
Beatrice Goodman
Bernard Goodman
Eva Kaplan
Minerva Levin
Sylvia Margolis
Lucy Miller
Matthew Miller
Gertrude Monosoff
Lucinda Moser
Walter Roberts
Maurice Rogovin
Abraham Schwartz
Wyatt Snyder
Ralph Tesh
Eva Weinberg

October

Dora Bierman
Badonna Gottlieb
Lucille Handler
Ann Lentz
Martha Mayer
Virginia Popper
Florence Sag
Bessie Schwartz
Edythe Schwartz
Nelly Schwarz
Evelyn Sneller
Eunice Stephens
Mary Taylor
Florence Weiner
Fay Wexler
Clara Wilkerson



Fair Oaks residents Henry and Lottie Maienthau and Goldie Sandler at the Starmount Luncheon sponsored by Greensboro Volunteers.

BJH News Briefs: The Sounds of Summer

- **MUSIC TOPPED THE LIST OF SOUNDS** heard this summer as residents enjoyed musical performances that spanned the range from folk music to classical to Dixie-land Jazz and Bluegrass. Highlights were Dan Nichols of Durham, North Carolina, whose repertoire is folk, opera, and cantorial. Dan delighted residents on July 8 with a performance of Jewish folk tunes and music from the worship service. Steve Huyser, monthly volunteer from Charlotte, presented informal piano concerts on Sunday, July 18th and Wednesday, July 28 for the residents' enjoyment. The sounds of the ivories plus Steve's friendly comments and beautiful singing are a triple treat.
- **CLEMMONS BLUEGRASS** brought the sounds of fiddles, banjos, guitars, and clogging feet to Western Day at BJH on July 23rd. Staff dressed in their western best and residents gathered in the Commons for a fun-filled afternoon.



Dan Nichols entertained residents with a concert of Jewish music in July.



Thelma Vose takes a walk through the gardens with a student nurse.

- **BIRDS AND BEES AND SOUNDS OF FLOWERS** growing could be heard in the courtyard this summer. Residents enjoyed watching their flowers bloom and picking vegetables planted in the wheelchair-height flower beds.

Below: Afredia Roach, Director of Resident Activities, and Tony Schwertfeger, volunteer, pick vegetables from the garden planters.



Left: Teen volunteers Brooke Jackson and Ann Malinzak have a good time giving a hand to residents on Western Day.

Below: Members of the Clemmons Kiwanis assist monthly with the bingo game. Pictured left to right: Fred Van Pelt, resident Ida Temko, and Jim Brock.



- **BINGO!** is a popular sound throughout the year as residents enjoy playing the game several times a week. Added to the fun of winning are the winning friendships residents have formed with the volunteers who make these games possible. We send the sound of thank-you's to our Bingo volunteers: Eleanor Leverenz, Rose Solomon, Frances Bain, Kelly Bellin, Don Freedman, Kim and Mike Pollak, Peggy Weisner, and members of the Clemmons Kiwanis Club.



Sue's News

Why do they volunteer?

One of every two Americans volunteers, states an article in the Chronicle of Philanthropy, June 1993, but many charities say they have trouble getting the help they need. An obvious change has been the decrease in women available during the day but many working women, as well as men, still want to find the time to volunteer. Retired people, young professionals, and students are all part of the volunteer force. Millions of Americans have found that giving their time offers more benefits than simply sending a check. Volunteering helps people stay active, maintain a positive attitude and feel good about themselves.

It can also help people to make personal and professional contacts, to learn new skills, and to test career interests. Many volunteers find that by helping others they are also helping themselves. A study published in Psychology Today, 1989, reported that the benefits of volunteering compared to those of exercise, with participants feeling the same sense of calm and well being following volunteer activities as after exercise and that volunteer work helps to combat stress in people's lives.

BJH is blessed with volunteers of all ages, men and women who work full time and volunteer in the evening or on a day off, retired volunteers and active professionals, homemakers and students. Amy Nicholson, a recent high school graduate, has volunteered at the Home with the Anchor Club for the past four years. Amy says that her experience at BJH has led her to decide on a career in geriatric nursing and she hopes to return to BJH someday as a nurse. Arlene van de Rijn, Administrative Assistant, and Gail Ruthfield, Activity Therapist, both vital BJH staff members, began their BJH careers as active volunteers at the Home.



Greensboro volunteer Evelyn Robinson greets Fair Oaks resident Virginia Brown at Starmount Country Club.



Above: Orrel Chapel, a new BJH volunteer, helps to keep the gardens beautiful.

Right: Edith Cohen, Greensboro volunteer, serves lunch to Fair Oaks resident Dorothy Rodriguez at the Country Club Luncheon.

Volunteering is good for your health!

"Volunteering is my way of showing gratitude for all of my blessings — my health, my wonderful family, my friends. But it also adds to my well-being; if I can add a little something special to someone's day, that makes me feel good," says Millie Slatkoff, who began volunteering at BJH on her day off, and now continues volunteering in her retirement.

Barry Strulson, a volunteer from Greensboro, conducts Havdalah services monthly with the assistance of his wife Leah. He says, "What you can give is something that doesn't cost a dime — a smile, your time, a hand shake. They give me more than I give to them, I feel like I have a lot of parents here."

Rosh Hoshanah, the Jewish New Year, is a time to reflect and to give thanks for one's blessings. As this New Year begins, I am grateful for the wonderful volunteers who have been responsible for the growth and success of the volunteer program. Residents and staff have benefitted from their involvement. I want to wish each of our volunteers a healthy and happy New Year, a year filled with the continued joy of giving.





Barry Strulson, Greensboro volunteer entertained at the August birthday party with a medley of Jewish music and old favorites.

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Shana Miller, teen volunteer, serves cake at the birthday party.



With her bright eyes and sparkling smile, Lena Zimmerman celebrates her 107th year at the August birthday party.

Calendar FOR September

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- 3 Catholic Mass with Holy Family, 10:00 a.m., Friendship Room
- 5 Sunday Sweets with Sisterhood, Temple Emanuel, 2:30 p.m., Upper Commons
- 7 Homewide Birthday Party, Greensboro Volunteers, 1:30 p.m., Commons Auditorium
- 10 Leave for Winston-Salem, shopping at Hanes Mall, 9:30 a.m.
- 12 Brenner Concert — David Severt — Bluegrass Music — 3:00 p.m., Commons Auditorium
- 14 Leave for Clemmons, Senior Citizens' Luncheon, 10:00 a.m.
- 22 Leave for Greensboro, Starmount Country Club, 10:30 a.m.
- 26 Brenner Concert, "Clemmons West Bluegrass," 3:00 p.m., Commons Auditorium

Visit "BLUMIES" the BJH Gift Shop for Unique Gifts



Rita Wittenberg, gift shop volunteer, invites you to stop by and see the new fall merchandise.

*The Board of Trustees of the
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President — Lewis Eisenstadt — Greenville, SC

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Calendar FOR October

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- 24 Brenner Concert, "Doub Family Bluegrass," 3:00 p.m., Commons Auditorium

BJH Is Happy To Announce Its Selections For Employee Of The Month



Salinda (Cindy) Monroe
RN, B-1 Wing
April, 1993

"BJH was indeed fortunate when Cindy came to us five years ago. Cindy is the ultimate professional with years of experience and excellent skills. She is an avid gardener, loves to see things grow and this nurturing spills over to our residents." This apt description of Cindy Monroe was spoken by Libby Carter, B-1 Wing Unit Manager and Cindy's supervisor.

Cindy, a graduate of Baptist Hospital Nursing School, came to the Blumenthal Jewish Home with more than 20 years of nursing experience. "I always wanted to be a nurse, and I've never stopped working and keeping up with the field," said Cindy. Her career at Baptist Hospital included 15 years as a relief nurse and five years working full time on the cardiology unit. Cindy says she has enjoyed being a member of the B-1 team since coming to BJH in 1988. She likes both the residents and the people she works with and is grateful for the support given to the nursing unit by B-1 Unit Manager Libby Carter and the Director of Nursing, Patsy Petree. "I feel very honored to be chosen Employee of the Month," says Cindy, "I feel it is a privilege to work here."

A native of North Carolina, Cindy grew up in Waynesville, North Carolina. She and her husband Leon have two

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Arlene van de Rijn
Administrative Assistant
May, 1993

In 1986, Arlene van de Rijn came to the Blumenthal Jewish Home volunteer department and asked what she could do to be of service. At that time, she didn't know just how much she would be doing to benefit the Blumenthal Jewish Home. "I was attracted to volunteering at BJH because, having elderly parents, I feel I can understand the needs of the elderly," said Arlene. "I felt that I could give to the residents when I couldn't give to my own parents, who live in Florida. Beginning as a volunteer, I got to know the residents on a one-to-one basis."

In 1989 Arlene began working part time as assistant to the Director of Public Relations and Volunteer Services; in 1991 she accepted the full time position of Administrative Assistant to the Executive Director. In this position she fills a multi-faceted role, providing assistance to the Administrator, the Board of Directors, and the Chief Financial Officer as well as to the Executive Director. Arlene says she enjoyed beginning part-time and getting to know the staff and operations of the Home but now loves the challenge of this job. "I like the public relations aspects as well as the work itself. I enjoy the contact with Board Members and community members and I like the family aspect of the work force — the

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Jean Moore
RN, B-2 Wing
June, 1993

Jean Moore brought a wealth of nursing experience and a zest for living with her when she came to BJH in 1987. A graduate of Harper Hospital School of Nursing in Detroit, Michigan, her nursing career has spanned a variety of experiences and many states as she traveled with her husband, Jim, during his military career. Jean began her nursing career in Pediatrics at a Michigan children's hospital. She has worked as a college nurse, University Camp nurse, Emergency room nurse in Wyoming and Missouri and developed Nursing Home experience working in Homes in North Dakota, New Jersey, Michigan, and at Menorah Park, the Jewish Home in Cleveland. "The nice thing about a nursing career is you can always do it wherever you are," says Jean.

Jean Moore turned to an Indian Proverb to describe how she feels about working at BJH. "I slept and dreamt that life was Joy; and then I awoke and realized that life was Duty; and then I went to work and lo and behold I discovered that Duty can be Joy."

When Jean speaks of her work you know that she finds joy in it. She says "B-2 is the place for me ... we really become these residents' family. Someone may be non-verbal but communicate when they touch your cheek ..."

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Cindy Monroe, (Continued)

sons and have recently moved into a new home in Clemmons. A lover of flowers, Cindy says she spends every spare minute in her garden and working with the 800 plants she has indoors. When she's not gardening, she finds time to read, quilt, and redecorate her new home.

BJH is pleased to congratulate Cindy Monroe on this honor, it is a privilege to have her on our team.

Jean Moore, (Continued)

Lorraine Hetrick, B-2 Unit Manager, says, "Jean is a very kind and compassionate person. The residents' well-being is her number one priority. She is reliable, works extra if needed, and always willing to give 110%. Her dedication and contributions to this unit are many and will not be forgotten. The employees on B-2 are very happy and proud that Jean was chosen as employee of the month. It is well-deserved."

In her spare time, Jean says she likes to read and garden, do volunteer work for Meals on Wheels and the Samaritan soup kitchen. Volunteer experiences she has treasured have been as a disaster nurse for the Red Cross; she has traveled, when called, to Puerto Rico, Charleston, and the Outer Banks during hurricanes. She and her husband Jim have two sons and live in Advance, North Carolina.

BJH congratulates Jean Moore; we are proud to have her on our staff.

Arlene van de Rijn, (Continued)

staff cares for each other," she added.

Arlene, a native Floridian, grew up in Orlando and attended the University of Florida at Gainesville. After living in New York City for 10 years, Arlene and her husband, Ivo, and son Aaron, moved to Winston-Salem in 1982. Arlene continued her education at UNC-Greensboro as a communications

Happy Anniversary

Congratulations to the following staff members who celebrate anniversaries of employment in September and October.

September

14 Years
Judy Petty, *Dietary*

13 Years
Jim Byerly, *Maintenance*

7 Years
Sue Clein, *Director of Marketing and Volunteer Services*

6 Years
Evelyn Hamlin, *Nsg. Asst., A-Wing*

5 Years
Cindy Brewer, *Nsg. Asst., B-2*

3 Years
Michelle James, *Nsg. Asst., B-2*

2 Years
Mitzi Phelps, *Laundry*

1 Year
Tiffany Lynch, *Nsg. Asst., B-2*
Learline Matthews, *Nsg. Asst., B-2*
Marsha Robinson, *Nsg. Asst., B-1*
Maria Jacobs, *Dietary*
Elizabeth Vance,
Marketing/Development
Sharon Morkel, *Nsg. Asst., B-1*
Carolyn Burns, *Nsg. Asst., B-2*
Grace Stanley, *Nsg. Asst., B-2*
Della Miller, *Nsg. Asst., B-2*
Annie McMiller, *Nsg. Asst., B-2*

October

24 Years
Lorena Durham, *LPN, A-Wing*

11 Years
Libby Carter, *RN, Unit Manager, B-1*

6 Years
Jane Brown, *Nsg. Asst., B-1*
Hazel Brock, *Dietary*
Denise Robertson, *Laundry*

5 Years
Lorraine Hetrick, *RN, Unit Manager, B-2*
Camilla Loftin, *Nsg. Asst., A-wing*
Pat Oberle, *Nsg. Asst., B-1*

3 Years
Teresa Cook, *Dietary*

2 Years
Jennifer Maxwell, *Dietary*
David Perrell, *Dietary*

1 Year
Vickie Owens, *Administration*

major. Her son Aaron is a student at Duke University.

From Outstanding Volunteer in 1987 to full time professional and Employee of the Month in 1993, Arlene's approach to her responsibilities at BJH has been the same. She serves with a dedication and commitment that is only matched by her charming personality and delightful sense of humor. "What would my boss say if he was here?" says Arlene; "Don Morris would say 'She is the only secretary I've ever had who knows how to use chopsticks.'"

Always ready for a new challenge and opportunities to learn, Arlene indulges in the three R's in her spare time: reading, running, and racquetball.

BJH congratulates Arlene van de Rijn, a deserving recipient of this honor.



Randy Ketchie and Harry Cooley of the maintenance staff deliver the new B-Wing furniture to resident's rooms.



What's Developing?

by Bruce Schlosberg
Director of Development

Mishpocha

In mid-June, I had the opportunity to perform one of the most enjoyable parts of my job, visit friends of the Home. My odyssey took me to Kinston, Goldsboro, Jacksonville, Wilmington, Whiteville, Charlotte, Gastonia, Lincolnton, and Mt. Holly. I met with merchants, manufacturers, motel operators, and general menschen who all share the concept that We Are One.

They expressed their care and concern about the Home and its future. They showed their joy about the nomination of a Jewish woman, Ruth Bader Ginsberg, to the United States Supreme Court. We exchanged information which could help the United Jewish Appeal and the Blumenthal Home raise more money. We played Jewish geography, and I did know their friends and relatives in another part of the State.

In visiting these people, I was made to feel part of their family. I learned how these people came to their communities; how they became integrated into the fabric of the town's society; how their businesses were going. In many instances, I was introduced to two and even three generations of people who are working in the business.

I have put together a pictorial which depicts my trip... just a few comments of elaboration. When I entered downtown Whiteville, I was blown away by the sign on the front of the J.S. Mann Company. It was a Star of David. I was so proud.

After leaving Whiteville, I ended up in Charlotte three hours later. I stopped at McGuffey's to eat dinner. While eating, I met the Manager, Adam Laibson. Adam is the son of Richard Laibson, one of the owners of the restaurant chain and President of the

Seymour Brown Unitrust

Seymour Brown, owner of Goldsboro Iron and Metal, has been a friend of the Home for a long time. Two years ago the Home started to talk to Seymour about a \$100,000 donation.

Seymour was willing to make this gift without any contingencies. Since the Home is attempting to build our Endowment Fund to finance indigent care in the future, we asked Seymour to consider a Charitable Remainder Unitrust. Through this Trust, Seymour would receive income and a substantial tax deduction. If he died, his wife would receive the income for a number of years. Ultimately, the Home would receive a substantial amount of money for its Endowment Fund.

The Seymour Brown Unitrust is now a reality. Seymour understands and appreciates what a unitrust can do. "I wanted to be philanthropic. I discovered that I could be philanthropic and receive a financial benefit from this Unitrust. This was a win-win situation. I would recommend a Unitrust to anybody."

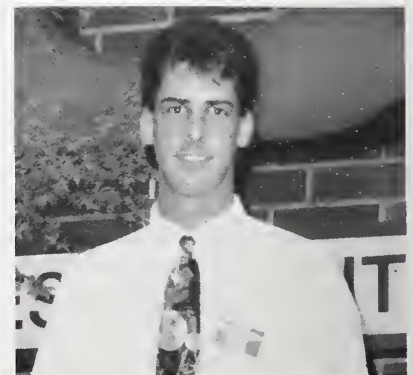
If you would like more income from an appreciated asset, possibly avoid capital gains, and receive a tax deduction, please contact Bruce Schlosberg about setting up a Charitable Remainder Unitrust.

Asheville Federation. I want to tell you, Richard, that the young man never stopped. He was hosting, cleaning, and, in general, doing a great job.

The next morning I traveled to Gastonia to see Marshall and Jeanne Rauch. At the office that day was Marshall's 96 year old father Nathan. For Marshall, every day is Father's Day. He treats his father with love and respect. It was beautiful.

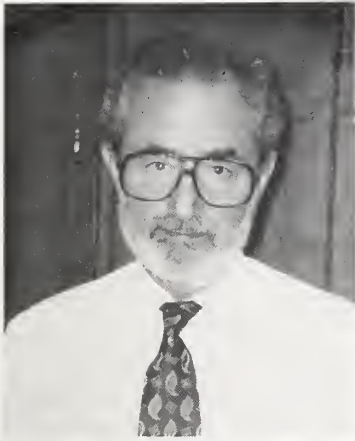


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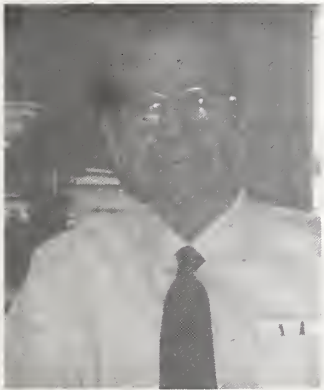


Friends of BJH; above: Adam Laibson in Charlotte, below: Sidney Popkin of Jacksonville have recently been visited by Bruce Schlosberg.





Bucky Stein, Jacksonville, NC.



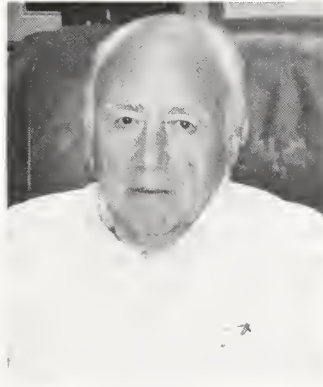
Alvin Witten, Gastonia.



Margie and Julius Goldstein of Charlotte in their Mt. Holly store.



Jack, Beatrice, Terry, and Sol Mann, Whiteville.



Leo Brody, Kinston



Bruce Schlosberg, Director of Development, captures a picture of friends of the Home as he travels throughout the state.



Jeanne, Nathan and Marshall Rauch, Gastonia

Michael, Hyman, Doris, and Gary Mann, Whiteville.



Neal Grant and Harold Greene, Wilmington.

Aging with Dignity — Financial Considerations

The aging process will not be stopped merely with the denial of its happening. We are fortunate to be living in a period of history where life expectancy has been greatly extended. More importantly, though, we are generally more healthy and fit than any previous generation. However, our habitual procrastination could create a financial as well as an emotional crisis for us and our families.

As we age gracefully, we should come to terms with the reality that 3 out of 5 of us will need some form of Long Term Care during our lifetime. And 2 out of 5 of us will need nursing home care.

These are meaningful ratios and planning for their probability could become one of the most critical planning decisions you ever have to consider. Most of us have known one or more persons who have spent some time in a long term care facility or have required assistance at home, perhaps for an extended period of time.

While we deal with the emotional and psychological impact of this event as it affects others, we should also consider the financial impact and our own desires as we evaluate our own personal decision of how this period in our lives will be spent. This article will deal with the financial issues and address some of the matters which are often misunderstood or misinterpreted.

The Risk: "Not Me!"

Each one of us should evaluate the relative risk of our getting caught up in the need for long term care through events beyond our control: stroke, cancer, dementia, senility, or arthritis. By comparison, the risk of requiring some form of long term care is 300 times greater than the risk associated with having your home burned to the ground.

Insurance — Risk Transfer

Any risk retained which could be transferred to another for a reasonable price is worthy of some consideration. You insure your home when the risk of loss is 1:1200 (.1%) and you insure your

automobile when the risk is 1:300 (.3%). Why would you not insure your own self, when the risk of loss is 2:5 (40%; 4 out of 10 people will need long term care).

The Cost — Can I Self Insure?

On the average, nursing homes today cost \$30,000 per year. With the average stay being 2½ years, this equates to an exposure of \$75,000 per person. While the cost of insurance is only a fraction of this exposure amount, you must evaluate whether you can withstand the financial impact of a loss of this magnitude. And many individuals will exceed the stated averages. If we believe our potential need for this type of service is some twenty years in the future, the anticipated cost may well exceed \$80,000 per year with total exposure in excess of \$200,000. The question — can you risk your financial reserves for this type of burden? What happens if you are the surviving spouse, and your deceased spouse has already exhausted a large portion of your net worth?

Home Care — I'll Stay at Home

While this is an ideal and worthwhile personal plan, the burden placed on your spouse or other family members can be tremendous. Are you leaving it to others to care for you when you cannot care for yourself? Wouldn't it make sense to provide for a caregiver in the home to minimize the burden you might otherwise place on your loved ones?

Who Pays — Medicare and Medicare Supplements

There is a common myth that Medicare pays the bulk of nursing home cost. In truth, Medicare pays only 2%. The requirement is that you must be confined to a *skilled nursing facility*. Today's statistics indicate only ½% of the nursing home population is in a skilled unit with 95% receiving custodial care and 4.5% receiving intermediate care. Medicare supplements generally only cover that portion of the expense *not* covered by Medicare. Medicare and Medicare supplements

only pay for the first 100 days. You must first have been in the hospital for at least 3 days, move to the nursing home within 30 days for the same medical reason you were in the hospital, and be certified for admission by a doctor. Only one Medicare claim in 10 is currently being approved for nursing home care.

Who Pays — Medicaid for the Indigent

Medicaid currently pays 44% of all nursing home cost. However, these monies are reserved for the indigent. To be declared indigent, you must essentially have reduced your assets to zero. Then, by default, you place your care in the hands of the government who has the right to place you in any nursing home within a 150 mile radius of your home on a space available basis and can separate husband and wife if circumstances do not permit their being in the same facility.

Medicaid Trust — I can beat the system

Recent articles have promoted a strategy to reposition all your assets to a family member other than your spouse so you can qualify for Medicaid. First, the irrevocable transfer has to be made 30 months (remember: 2½ years is the average nursing home stay) prior to your entry to a nursing home to eliminate all penalties. Second, the government has increased its audit of these transfers, looking for intent to defraud. This means the government can claim up to \$68,550 per person to pay for your care anyway. In other words, you will be responsible for private pay based on a pro-rata schedule. Third, you must exercise clear and precise vision to determine exactly when this transfer of your assets should occur. You now have placed complete trust and control in the person who now has all your assets. These assets are subject to his or her creditors, his or her investment abilities and expertise, his or her income tax liability, and his or her willingness to gift adequate monies back to you so you can maintain your desired lifestyle. Fourth, as a Medicaid claimant, you now enter

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Aging, (Continued)

the Medicaid system subject to the whims and availability of someone else's choosing. You should not expect relief from your favorite nursing home. They lose money with each and every Medicaid day. You are not the most desired resident and they do not open any more beds than is required by law. Most nursing homes have very long waiting lists. So you might still be required to pay private while you wait for a slot to open. Does this option appeal to you?

Clintonomics — The Solution

As of this writing the new health laws are still being considered. Long Term Care is an item on a very long and complicated agenda. Its cost for inclusion is astronomical. If you see yourself as still being 10 or 20 years from possibly requiring a nursing home, do you honestly believe the government will be able to maintain a suitable program to your liking?

Plan Now — You're in Control

Aging is an inevitable process which cannot be denied. You've worked hard all your life, built your place in this world, and hopefully have added a bit of good to our society. Only you have the power to plan in your own best interest. No other advisor, family member, or government agency will do as well as you can do for yourself. You must make the decision to deal with these matters on a current basis, otherwise the choice may not be yours to make.

Before you purchase long term care insurance, make sure that your agent is a qualified specialist in the area who can help you critique the different features from different policies.

Philip S. Rovner, CPA is an agent with New York Life Insurance in Greenville, South Carolina. He is a Long Term Care Specialist and a Planned Giving Specialist and concentrates his practice in the pre-retired and mature markets with emphasis on estate planning

**Tzedakah Boxes are Back**

Many of you have asked us to reorder the Tzedakah Boxes for the Home. We are now well-stocked. If your family, school, synagogue, or organization would like us to send you the "Pushkies," please call our office at 919-766-3035.



Arnold Leder of Goldsboro is photographed in front of his store by Bruce Schlosberg.

Long Term Care Statistics

<u>Average length of stay</u>	<u>Nursing Home</u>	<u>Home Care</u>
For one year or less	59%	34%
For 2 years or less	72%	44%
For 5 years or less	92%	78%

Room Rates — Blumenthal Jewish Home

<u>Skilled</u>	Semi-private: \$112/day Private: \$127/day
<u>Intermediate</u>	Semi-private: \$110/day Private: \$120/day
<u>Fair Oaks</u>	Semi-private: \$1,330/month Private: \$2,415/month

Cost of Home Health Care — Averages

Skilled	\$60	2-3 hours per day
Home Health Aides	\$45	2-3 hours per day
Adult Day Care	\$35	2-3 hours per day

Who Pays for Long Term Care?

	<u>Nursing Home</u>	<u>Home Care</u>
INDIVIDUALS	49%	57%
Medicaid	44%	15%
Medicare	2%	9%
Insurance	1%	1%
Other	4%	18%

Funny Money...Part Deux

Recently, you came back from vacation. You may have gone to Israel, Europe, the Pacific Rim, Chelsea, Yehopetz, or Yenemsville. If you brought back any currency from those far-off places and do not know what to do with it, send it to the Home. We have established a "Funny Money Fund."

When we convert the currency to dollars, you will receive a tax deduction. So far we have received two donations of funny money. Let's hear from you.

The FAIR OAKS Capital Campaign of the Blumenthal Jewish Home

This list includes names of contributors for May 20, 1993 – July 22, 1993. We want to know if there are any errors or omissions. Please call the Development Office at (919) 766-6401 if you have any corrections or questions.

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Minimum Donation: \$100.00

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Let's Burn the Mortgage

During the next few months, you will be asked to help the Home retire the mortgage on Fair Oaks. The Campaign was started six years ago with a goal of \$6.5 million. We had an opportunity to refinance the loan at a much more favorable rate. The refinancing cost together with some changes in the project brought the total loan close to \$8 million. As of today, we have raised close to \$7 million and have surpassed our original goal.

Fair Oaks has been a very successful project for the Home. Consisting of 50 units, Fair Oaks has provided people with an opportunity to live independently with the security of being close to medical assistance if they needed it. For the past several years we have had no vacancies in Fair Oaks.

We need your help. If you have not given before, please consider a gift over a four year period. If you have given before, please give again. You will be performing a great Mitzvah.

Capital Campaign Pledge Blumenthal Jewish Home

Yes, I accept your invitation to become part of the continuing tradition of caring for our elderly.

A total pledge of \$_____ to be paid over

☐ three, ☐ four, ☐ five years in equal

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Temples

Congregation

Beth Israel

Asheville, NC

by Lillian R. Wellisch

At the closing meeting of **Beth Israel Sisterhood**, Deborah Neimkin, a member of the Presidium, and Lillian Wellisch, Community Cooperation Chairman for Sisterhood and member of the Branch Board of Southeastern Branch of Women's League, gave reports of the convention held in Columbia, SC. Deborah Neimkin announced that at the convention, Barbara Laibson, who had been chosen by a Sisterhood panel to be our "Light of the Torah" recipient, was presented with a plaque which was taken back to her to be presented as a surprise at the closing meeting. This award is given to special person in Sisterhood who has given of herself above and beyond the call of duty.

The following members of Sisterhood were elected as officers for the year 1993-1994: Michele Heller, President; Barbara Levy, Vice-President; Hilda Ehrlich, Treasurer; Beatrice Gullotta, Recording Secretary; and Lyn Bunn, Corresponding Secretary.

A joint Luncheon/Installation of Officers of the Sisterhood of Beth Israel and Beth Ha-Tephila, and officers of the Asheville-Hendersonville Chapter of Hadassah was held at the Country Club of Asheville. Rabbi Robert Ratner of

Beth Ha-Tephila gave the invocation and Rabbi Shmuel Birnham of Beth Israel gave the benediction. Ruth Gaynes, Young Judea leader in Hadassah, delivered a report on her trip to Israel. A delightful rendition comparing the making and baking of a "Challah" to the "special" ingredients of the leaders being installed rounded out a wonderful successful joint venture.

The Jewish Mysticism class of Beth Israel was a resounding success, attended by a large group of members.

Beth Israel held its June Annual Meeting, preceded by a social hour. Reports of the present Board relative to activities were given. The President discharged the present Board from their duties. They were: Dr. Cliff Feingold, President; Dr. Ron Neimkin, First Vice President; and Finance Committee Chairman, Richard Laibson; Second Vice President, Dr. Marty Lee; Third Vice President, Elaine Shulman; Secretary, Alan Laibson; Treasurer, Joe Gullotta; Ritual Committee Chair, Caren Kessler; Adult Education Committee Chair, Dr. Joseph Schandler; Cemetery Committee Chair, Arlene Schandler; Grounds committee Chair, William Lewin; Endowment Fund, Sheldon Winick; House Committee Chair, Dr. Steve Miller; Membership Committee Chair; and the following Members-at-Large: Morris Tenenbaum, Bob Deutsch, Dr. Ron Manheimer, Dr. Norman Sollod, Michele Heller, Dr. Eric Wellisch, Bert Bronstein, David Davis, and Sue Greenberg.

The same members were charged for the coming year, except for Deborah Neimkin, Barbara Laibson, and Muriel Gelbert, as

members of the Sisterhood Presidium and Michele Heller as a Member-at-Large. Michele Heller was charged as the incoming President of Beth Israel Sisterhood. Joe Gullotta announced the Members of the Year Award for the Synagogue would go to Barbara Miller and Bob Deutsch.

In Bet Sefer News, Barbara Miller, Principal, reports that the final meeting of parent child-teacher celebration was held and reminds the parents that their continued input in the children's development is still invaluable. In this context the parents are urged to participate in the Children's Jewish education for this coming year by enrolling in one of the following three groups: Shareholders Group - For people who have a vested interest in the future of our children (similar to an Advisory Board); Mishpacha Group - Our theme for the coming year is **FAMILY - MISHPACHA**. We have many activities already planned, but need this group to facilitate the programming.; Chuchum Group - The "wise" group consists of people who like to work with children in the classroom.

In Synagogue News, we thank our office volunteers for the month of April: Barbara Miller and Reba Barton. Congratulations to Amy Michalove, who recently graduated from the University of Georgia. She majored in English and minored in Business. Congratulations to David Samuel Myers, grandson of Ruth Barer Cooley, who graduated Summa Cum Laude from North Carolina State University in Raleigh. He will be doing his graduate work at the University of Washington, in Seattle, where he was awarded a full scholarship. David is the son of Jo Ann and Charles Myers of Richmond, Virginia.

Brett Schoenber reports for the Asheville Jewish Youth Group on their end of the year activities. They were part of the Israeli Day Celebration with Beth Israel Synagogue and temple Beth Ha-Tephila, which was held at Weaver Park. The group was at Dreamland Drive-In Helping with the J.C.C.'s food distribution. Also, in May, they went on a hiking trip and finished up the year by sending three delegates to Tampa, Florida, for a USY Regional Convention, where there were over two hundred other Jewish teens from all over the southeast region. The theme of the convention was "Will the Real Israel Please Stand Up." He ends his report by saying: "This has been one of the most productive years ever for the Asheville Jewish Youth Group."

Lauren Miller, daughter of Barbara Miller and Dr. Stephin Miller, was Bat Mitzvahed the weekend of June 25-26. Lauren led an early evening service with gusto, and led various portions of the Saturday morning service. Her D'Var Torah was based on her Torah portion "Chukah," which deals with how one deals with anger.

Temple Beth El Charlotte, NC



Rabbi James M.
(Jim) Bennett

by Lynne
Cojac

Temple Beth El members have looked forward to the arrival of our new permanent rabbi for many months. Rabbi James M. (Jim) Bennett will relocate to Charlotte from St. Louis, MO where he was Associate Rabbi

at Congregation Shaare Emeth. Rabbi Bennett's wife, Amy, works at home with their children, Abby, three, and Ethan, one. Amy is a free-lance graphic artist and was active with preschool programs at their previous synagogue. Rabbi Bennett is a gifted teacher who enjoys working with all age students. He uses every possible opportunity to share his love of Judaism and enjoys creating new programming. Rabbi Bennett is as enthused to be joining our congregation as we are to have him.

The month of September is a busy one at Temple Beth El. Along with the High Holy Days and the start of the new year, Religious School begins, life cycle events are celebrated and new programs such as Cradle roll, Baby Boomers' Social Club and the College Connection flourish.

Our first shabbat service with Rabbi Jim Bennett as our new permanent rabbi was heavily attended on August 13th. Our August Tot Shabbat was followed by a special service honoring our college students on August 14th. Seventy students were invited to the service and a private luncheon to become acquainted with Rabbi Bennett before the start of the academic year. Beginning efforts of the College Connection, Temple Beth El's outreach for college and post-graduate students, have received great interest from students and parents alike. Rosters of these students with home and college addresses were distributed at the luncheon. A secret pal program is underway to keep these young people in contact while they are away from their home congregation. In addition, Jewish students from other congregations who are at school in Charlotte will be

welcomed at Temple Beth El through the College Connection Host Program. Letters have been sent to area colleges to contact such students, and families to host them for dinners are recruited.

On August 30th, the Sisterhood Board welcomed Rabbi Bennett's wife, Amy, at a luncheon in her honor. The arrival of the Bennett family has been anxiously anticipated for many months. Everyone is eager for them to feel at home as quickly as possible.

The Bat Mitzvah of Stacy Moniusszko, daughter of Richard and Linda Moniusszko will be held at the Temple on September 4th. Also on September 4th Drs. Sherry Simmons and Steven David will be married at Temple Beth El. The annual Wildacres Retreat in Little Switzerland will be over Labor Day Weekend, September 3-6.

On Wednesday evening, September 8th, Sisterhood's meeting will feature hair and makeup demonstrations by Borghese. Four lucky ladies will be chosen by the designers to be "redone." Dessert and coffee will be served. Please call the Temple office if you would like to attend.

A new member Shabbat Dinner will be held at the Temple on Friday, September 10th. Special dinner guests that evening will be college students from colleges in the Charlotte area. It is hoped that from having been to the Temple on the 10th, they will feel comfortable worshipping with us for the High Holy Days the following week. Please submit such names to the Temple Office.

On September 11th the Slichot Service will be conducted. Please

call the office (366-1948) for the exact time.

The first day of Religious School will be on September 12th. A Cradle Roll Rosh Hashonah Party will take place that same morning from 11:30 - 12:30 at the Temple. Parents and grandparents will partake of the refreshments for this special gathering. Apple and honey crafts to entertain our little ones require that guests RSVP to the Temple office.

The Sisterhood New Member Brunch will take place on September 12th at the home of Vivian Mallins. At 4 pm on September 12th the wedding of Robbi Choen to Amy Whitley will take place at the Temple.

Temple Beth El High Holy Days Schedule

**Erev Rosh Hashonah
September 15th 8PM
Rosh Hashonah
September 16th 10 AM
Children's service
September 16 10AM**

**Kol Nidre
September 24 8 PM
Yom Kippur
September 25 10 AM
Children's service
September 25 10 AM**

**Afternoon Service, followed by
Yzkor 3:30 PM**

Break Fast at conclusion

Bat Mitzvah of Ruth Meyers, daughter of Roslyn and Roger Meyers on September 18th.

Sisterhood's Board Meeting, always scheduled for fourth Monday of the month, will be at 9:30 on September 27th.

Cradle Roll's Tot Shabbats are the third Saturday of each month at 9:30 AM. Dates for coming months are October 16th, November 20th and a Chanukah Party on Sunday December 12.

Sisterhood is bringing John Rosemon, Charlotte Observer Columnist and child psychologist, to speak at the Temple on Monday evening, November 1. Tickets for this event will be \$5. Parents and grandparents won't want to miss this evening.

The Temple Beth El Attic Sale is coming! This event, sponsored by Sisterhood, will take place this year on November 21, 22 and 23. Please clean out your closets and consider donating your new and used items for our sale. Hangers and paper bags are also needed. All donations may be dropped off on Mondays from 10 until noon behind the JCC at the large trailer, or by appointment by calling Ruth Lubin, Dolores Astern or Brenda Lutz through the Temple office. New this year will be our Lucky 13 Raffle (featuring great prizes!) to be drawn at the Attic Sale. Please help us support our Religious School by making the Attic Sale a success.

**Temple Beth Shalom
Hickory, NC
by Terri Sullivan**

The Hickory community enjoyed a hot summer this year. While our congregation is less active in the summer months, we have kept busy with youth activities and planning meetings for the upcoming year.

In June, our youth group and adult volunteers went white water rafting. It was an overnight trip and was a great deal of fun according to all reports!

Congratulations to Kacee Cole and her family. On July 10th she celebrated her Bat Mitzvah along with many friends and out-of-town guests. Kacee did a wonderful job and everyone was very proud of her accomplishments.

Our annual Pool Party was held on August 22nd at the home of Barbara and Marty Kallman. This is a tradition of Temple Beth Shalom and is an ideal way to get everyone back together and inspired for the coming year - not to mention swimming, good food and fellowship.

Anyone out there interested in art work? Temple Beth Shalom is hosting an Art Auction on Saturday, October 16th and we would like to invite everyone to enjoy this evening with us. It will be held at Performance Place in Hickory. The doors open at 6:30 pm for the Silent Auction and a chance to preview the art. If you are interested in attending, please call Barbara Kallman for tickets, directions or other information at (704) 327-4949.

**Temple
Beth ha-Tephila
Asheville, NC
by Marjorie Schacter**

The Sisterhood
A generous donation was made by Sisterhood for the renewal of the Sanctuary, which will be completed in time for the High Holidays.

New 1993-1994 Sisterhood members are Fritzi Fligel, Holly Hollifield, Rosine Levitch, Hilda Pozner, Cindy Vanderwart, Vicky Levy, Meridy Goldstein, Mary Ann Jaben, Elaine Meyers, Cathy Shastri, Jean Vachon-Zerkin, Linda Gergel, Brenda Lebensberger, Natalie Nachman, Leslie Sipes and Rachel Smith.

The Brotherhood

Les Schacter, Brotherhood president, reported that Mr. Ben-Omran, the President of Islamic Center of Asheville, who spoke at the last Brunch of the season, gave the group "a fascinating insight into the Islamic religion."

Brotherhood membership voted on the officers and board for the 1993-1994 year. The slate was Les Schacter, President; Harris Livingstain, Vice President; Ted Rose, Secretary; Dick Braun, Treasurer. The Board consisted of Arnold Sgan, Herb Schifftan, John Fligel, Bob Janowitz, Fred Hoffman, Stanley Marks, Sidney Schochet and Frank Gilreath. They were installed during services on July 23.

The Temple Officers

New officers were installed during services on July 23. President, Frank Gilreath; 1st Vice President, Buddy Riesenberger; 2nd Vice President, Jean Hansman; Treasurer, Robert Janowitz; Secretary, Larry Rappoport. Trustees whose term expires in 1996: Julianne Winner, John Berdie, Barry Katell; in 1995, Les Schacter, Ose Rosze, Abbie Robertson; in 1994, Kerry Friedman, John Fligel, Jerry Haller.

Nominating committee members were Shirley Cohen and Randy Gergel.

Ask the Rabbi

After services on July 2, the discussion, led by the Rabbi, focused on the place of animals in Jewish life and the Jewish position on using animals for scientific research. The accepted opinion is that since humans are more important than animals, animals may be used for medical research provided the research is not frivolous and that it is done humanely.

Out reach

Betsy Katell, chairperson of the group, said "Outreach met on Saturday, May 8... with a covered dish dinner at the home of Cindy and Mark Vanderwart. Approximately 30 people were in attendance. Rabbi Ratner gave a brief talk and summary of "Mingled Roots", a book about Jewish grandparents of interfaith couples. A special thanks goes to Cindy and Mark for a very delightful evening.

Anna Friedman will be the 93-94 Outreach Chairperson. "I would like to take this opportunity to express how much I enjoyed chairing Outreach and do appreciate all the support and help I had from everyone; in particular from Fritzie Fligel, Brenda Lebensburger, Barbara Jarmel, Ed Wiley and Rabbi Ratner."

Lunch with the Rabbi

At the brown-bag lunch on July 26, Rabbi Ratner read some relevant - and fascinating - Talmudic stories which form part of the background of the legendary Jewish attitude toward intervening in the process of human death. He led the discussion on the subject and suggested that the group explore it further at a later date.

Substitutes

The following members conducted

service in the Rabbi's absence during his vacation: Dick Braun, Norman Greenberg, Larry Rapoport and Evan Gilreath. Evan, a recent multi-honored high-school graduate on his way to Harvard, impressed everyone with his mastery of the service and with his competent Hebrew reading.

Thanks

From the bima on July 16, Frank Gilreath, incoming Temple President, thanked the volunteers who took care of the Temple office while the congregation was between secretaries. They were Shirley Berdie, Ruth Weber, Rose Rose, Fran Aaron and Anna Friedman. Thanks to Shirley Berdie for organizing this major undertaking.

Volunteers who helped to get out the August bulletin were Natalie Nachman, Frank Gilreath and Bob Janowitz.

Students of Distinction

Chana Yael Lowenstein, daughter of Dr. Ronald and Jacqueline Hoffman-Lowenstein and the granddaughter of Fred and Hilde Hoffman of Asheville, NC was the valedictorian of the graduation class of Yeshiva High School in Atlanta, GA.

She was selected as a Belkin Academia Merit Scholar at Yeshiva University, with a merit scholarship towards Stern College, NY and was awarded two different scholarships toward Michlalahs Jerusalem College for Women, where she will spend this coming year. She was also named to the National Honor Society.

From the Asheville Citizen Times: "Rebecca Green, .. a rising senior at Reynolds High School, ... won

first place in the senior division at the national History Day competition held at the University of Maryland...Greene competed against 70 high school entries in individual performances.

She started writing on her topic, Sarah Bagley, an 1850s labor reformer in the Massachusetts textile mills, last September...Green not only won a medal and \$1000 for first place in individual performance - senior division, but she also received a medal from North Carolina for being the outstanding state entry. She also won a \$5,000 annual renewable scholarship from Chaminade University in Honolulu (Hawaii)."

Evan Gilreath, son of Ellen and Frank Gilreath, was judged one of "thirty-seven of Western North Carolina's Brightest high school students (who) comprise the second annual (Asheville) Citizen-Times All-Academic Team... He is ranked No. 1 in a class of 277 (at Reynolds High School), scoring 1500 on the SAT." He had won a long list of honors and five scholarships. He plans to attend Harvard. He also advanced to the semifinals of the 62nd City of Asheville Open Tennis Championships in July.

Dana Lerner, the daughter of Mrs. Ginger Lerner and the late Dr. Paul Lerner has received her Ph.D. in Sports Psychology from the University of Virginia.

Additions:

Doris and Arnold Sgan's recent donation to the Oneg Fund was made in honor of Hilde Hoffman's work with the Holocaust Education Center for Jewish Studies.

The recent joint installation

luncheon of the Asheville Hendersonville Chapter of Haddasah, Beth Ha-Tephila Sisterhood and Beth Israel Sisterhood was held at the Country Club of Asheville through the good offices of Club member and temple member Anna Friedman.

Others who participated in the Sisterhood Sabbath, in addition to those listed in the July-August Times Outlook, are Natalie Nachman, Jancie Rosenber, Lillian Bieber, Helen Pozner, Meridy Goldstein, Marjorie Schacter, Teddi Lowenstein, Irmgard Lichtenfeld, Rosin Levitch and Leah Karpen. Contributors were Anna Friedman, Audie Bayer, Florence Brody, Anne Pearlman and Lee Diamond. Shirley Rapoport arranged the service participation.

Mazel Tov

To ...Mrs. Irmgard Lichtenfels, wife of the late Alfred Lichtenfels, on the birth of great-granddaughter Katherine Leonard on June 22, and to John and Shirley Berdie on the birth of their grandson Joel Craig Berdie on June 9 in Denver, CO The proud parents are Stephanie Lambert and Mitchell Berdie.

Welcome

The Congregation welcomes with open arms new members Jean Vachon-Zerkin and Lief Zerkin, Salli Ann Gaddini and Kenneth A. Betsalala, Sandra Stone. Welcome back to Anne and Marvin Solomon.

Temple Emanuel Greensboro, NC

Dinner At Eight

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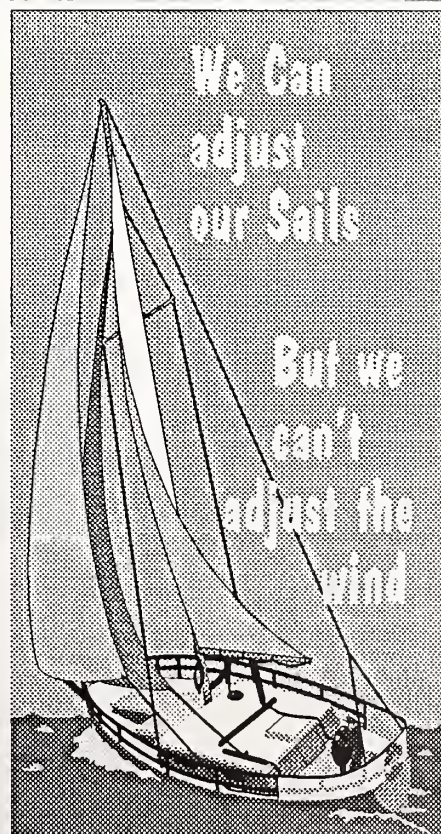
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Organizations

Raleigh Chapter of Hadassah

by Linda Landau

Women's American ORT Teaches Members to Be Advocates for Education

Lorrie Klemons of Charlotte, NC was among 42 top leaders of Women's American ORT - representing more than 20 states across the country-attended a special Department of Education briefing in Washington on June 14, 1993.

The briefing highlighted a two-day Advocacy-for-Education seminar sponsored by Women's American ORT. The group was greeted by Deputy Secretary of Education Madeleine Kunin and held discussions with department officials responsible for elementary, secondary and post-secondary school programs, vocational and adult education, and research and innovation.

The Advocacy-for-Education seminar was designed to train members of Women's American ORT to become spokespersons for the progress of public education, the importance of training for work and the advancement of education as a whole. The program included lectures by various leaders in the areas of education, business, and politics.

Keynote speaker Mark Talisman, Director of the Washington Action

Office of the Council of Jewish Federations, stressed the importance of citizen responsibility and involvement in public policy reform. A panel discussion on the relationship between the world of education and the world of business and industry, led by Bret Lovejoy of the American Vocational Association and Louise Bertsche of the National Alliance of Business, followed.

Lunch on Capitol Hill was sponsored by Senator Ted Kennedy. During lunch, Senator Nancy Katzenbaum (Kansas), and representatives from Senators Kennedy, Simon, and Wellstone spoke on issues of public education and policy reform.

Marla Levine, National Vice-President and Community Subcommittee Chairperson, noted the ORT's goal has always been to heighten public awareness of the need to develop curriculum in the United States that will properly prepare our children for the world of work.

Women's American ORT, an organization of more than 1,000 membership chapters across the United States, has been in the vanguard of social and humanitarian action for 65 years, building schools and training students in communities around the world.

If you have a concern about public education policy, write a personal letter to your local or state legislators. Or contact Lorrie Klemons, Women's American ORT's Advocate-for-Education at (704) 845-5412 (mornings).

Hadassah's National convention was held from July 11-14 in Los Angeles. Among the 3,000 Women who attended were Evelyn Levin, president and delegate from Raleigh and Ruth Leder and Isabel Vatz, who attended as regional delegates.

Susan and Abba Eban were two very inspiring speakers attending the convention.

National Hadassah announced that the sum of \$77,760,000 was raised this year to support its hospitals and technical schools in Israel.

Evelyn proudly announced that Raleigh Hadassah won all the awards on the chapter level as well as the coveted Medallion of Honor for oversubscribing.

Crown City Chapter ORT

Charlotte

by Peggy Rovman

Crown City Chapter "Women's American ORT" has entered its fourth year with Ana Resnik as president leading the way. The year started with a social meeting of Bingo and Chinese Dinner held at Shun Lee Palace. Over forty members and guests enjoyed great food and even better company. A good time was enjoyed by all.

Summertime is a time for fun and frolic in this chapter. Of course come September things get serious. After all, socializing and eating are

something all enjoy, but the bottom line is our students here and around the world depend on our fundraising efforts to enable them to get the education they need to become self sufficient adults! Hopefully they will take their knowledge and help others as they have been helped.

It seemed fitting to round out the summer with an evening everyone would enjoy, even husbands and significant others. Dr. John Wheeler was our guest speaker at an evening not soon to be forgotten. "Sex and sumptuous desserts" was the topic for the evening. Dr. Wheeler enlightened everyone in one way or another. As if this wasn't enough we wanted all of the "ORT" men to go home glad that they attended. This was accomplished by a lingerie fashion show with our very own members modeling. Great fun was had by all!

However, when we do get down to the business at hand it makes us feel very proud to be part of an organization that does what it sets out to do. In the peaceful mountains of Karmiel, Israel, a group of 21 Jewish students from Sarajevo are stating a new life at the ORT Braude International Institute of Technology.

After escaping from the strife of their homeland, they arrived in Israel in June of 1992 and have been at ORT Braude since October. Although a few came with relatives, many have no family in Israel and have no way of knowing whether those they left behind in Yugoslavia are alive or dead.

Each of the 21 students has a heart-rending story to tell. According to Dr. Pinhas Shwinger, director of

ORT Braude, one 18 year old has parents in Croatia. At Hanukka, her father, stricken with cancer, came to visit her, probably for the last time.

ORT Braude is paying all tuition and expenses for these students.

As you can see ORT is everywhere; show us a need and we'll do our best to help. For more information about ORT please call Ana Resnik - (704) 846-4431 or Ellen Wysmuller (704) 543-8844

New Executive Director of NC Hillel Foundation

Dr. Lee Marcus, Chair of the NC Hillel Board of Directors, announced that Rabbi Andrew Koren is the new Executive Director of the NC Hillel foundation. Rabbi Koren joined the Foundation on August 2.

Rabbi Koren is a recent graduate of Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati. He was the recipient of a Wexner Graduate Fellowship, through which he received valuable training. He served as Rabbinic Intern at the University of Cincinnati Hillel for two years.

Dr. Marcus is very pleased to have Rabbi Koren on staff, calling him "an outstanding young Jewish leader who will bring new energy, enthusiasm, and creativity to the Hillel program in North Carolina."

The Foundation expresses its deep appreciation to Rabbi Frank Fischer, who retired from Hillel after 13 years of dedicated service in North Carolina.

Also joining the staff is Julie Zupan, who serves as Program Director. Ms. Zupan is a 1991 graduate of Tufts University, and comes to North Carolina after spending a year in Hawaii. She brings with her creativity and the ability to communicate her love of Judaism to College students. Ms. Zupan replaces Larry Bach, who left the Foundation in July to begin rabbinic studies at the Hebrew Union College in Jerusalem.

Lubavitch of North Carolina

The school year got off to a great start! Day School began on August 25, and Preschool began on September 1.

Susan Culpepper joins the staff as its director of the day school. Parents and staff are excited, as she brings skill, talent and warmth to her job. Fern Sanderson will continue to direct the preschool. Mrs Sanderson has earned an excellent reputation as an early child development expert and has seen the Lubavitch preschool swell in numbers under her leadership.

Another new exciting addition to the Lubavitch staff, is the arrival of Rabbi Eli and Sarah Rosenfeld of New York. The Rosenfelds will assume teaching positions at the Day school and will help with the general programming at Lubavitch in Charlotte. The Rosenfelds will replace the Fegenson family who took teaching positions in Houston, Texas.

Rabbi Rosenfeld was educated at the Lubavitch Rabbinical school in New York and received his ordination at The United

Lubavitcher Yeshiva in Brooklyn. He comes to Charlotte with many years of experience in California and Great Britain. Sarah Rosenfeld, was raised in Manchester, England. She taught elementary school in Manchester and has been active in educational programs in New York. The Rosenfelds look forward to working with the children.

The teachers will be working with the students preparing them for the High Holidays to include educational activities for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

Rosh Hashanah comes this year on the eve of September 16. On Saturday night September 11, a special Slichot program will be held at the Chabad House at midnight. It is the tradition for Jews to begin in earnest with special prayers from that Saturday night, and continue every morning of the week, until the day of Rosh Hashanah.



The group of Chessed (kindness) performs at the Camp Gan Israel "Lchaim to Life" production.



Learning about God's wonders in nature at the Museum of Life and Science are Camp Gan Israel of Raleigh's (r. to l.) Nick Agris, Aaron Berger and Jason Clifford.

Beginning the first day of the Hebrew month of Elul, the Shofar is sounded every morning after prayer, except on the Sabbath, and the eve of Rosh Hashanah. The children will learn the customs and traditions of the Holidays and their reasons as explained by the Torah.

A large Succah will be built on the grounds of the school, children will be participating in its decoration and will use it during the week of Succoth.

A grand Simchat Torah celebration will take place at the Chabad House on Thursday October 7, at 7:30 pm. Children and adults are invited to partake in this most joyous event of the year.

Lubavitch of Raleigh Camp Gan Israel '93

It was a fun-filled action packed four weeks for the seventy children who attended Camp Gan Israel of Raleigh this year. The camp, which is run under the auspices of the Lubavitch Center of Raleigh, has been serving the needs of Jewish children in the Triangle area for four years.

The highlights of the camp were two Shabbaton sleepovers. In addition to all the activities, there were daily learning classes, the Tzivos Hashem study program and activities like the Kosher Hunt at the supermarket to reinforce what the children learned.

The counselors were a mixture of local, national and international talent. In addition to counselors from

the Raleigh area, the others came from Pittsburgh, New York, Cleveland, Detroit and South Africa to help give the *Gan Izzy* spirit to the camp.

B'nai Brith Halailah and Charlotte Chapters by Jane L. Marcus

The Avodah council sponsored a social for the Halailah and Charlotte Chapters. The event was a "havdeli," that is, a dinner and pool party and Havdalah service.

The First membership tea was held on August 19 for new and perspective new members. The meeting was held at the home of Claire Putterman. For details on membership contact Carol Klein at 847-8159.

The Chapter has been involved with two funds. The Foster Family program and the Senior adults program. The Chapter will solicit food, baked goods and volunteer time to these worthwhile projects. The Senior Adult luncheon will be held September 13, Monday, in honor of Rosh Hashana. Anyone in the community may make a cash donation to go specifically to any of these programs. Contact Jil Kofman, 9221 Chislehurst Road, 28227, (704) 545-5802.

The week of October 18th, Halailah Chapter will join other women's organizations in the community to build a Habitat for Humanity house. For information please contact: Eileen Darholt at 366-3057.

A Halailah chapter fall fund-raiser is planned for October 19. Please contact Claire Lind at 541-3048.

Personals

Kronovet & Holtzman appointed to Holocaust Council

Alan Kronovet, of Charlotte and Adam Holtzman of Raleigh have been appointed by Lt. Governor Dennis Wicker to the North Carolina Council on the Holocaust. Kronovet and Holtzman will assist the 24 member Council in developing educational programs marking the annual observance of the Holocaust.

Kronovet, a vice president of Westbury Knitwear Co., is also a member of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, the Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte, and the Hebrew Cemetery of Charlotte.

Holtzman, who works as a statistician for NC State University, is also a religious school instructor at Temple Beth Or and the Director of the Triangle Israeli Folkdancers.

"A half century later, the somber lesson of the Holocaust continues to be that we must never forget," said Lt. Governor Wicker.

Datnoff Promoted to Associate Professor

Dr. Lawrence E. Datnoff, affiliated with the University of Florida since 1988 as a plant pathologist at the university's Everglades Research and Educational Center at Belle Glade FL, in the Everglades, has now been granted tenure by the university and also promoted to the rank of associate professor. He received his undergraduate degree at the University of Georgia, his master's from Virginia Polytechnic Institute at Blacksburg, Va. and his doctorate at the University of Illinois. He and his wife Elizabeth and their two children, Darla, 4 and Gabriell, 2, live in Wellington, Fla. Dr. Lawrence is the son of Gwen and Phil Datnoff of Hickory, North Carolina.

Oxman Receives Top Awards



Allan S. Oxman

Allan S. Oxman has received two major professional honors in recent weeks.

Locally, Oxman was honored by more than 650 of his peers in the Charlotte Association of Life Underwriters as Agent of the Year for 1992-1993.

In addition, he has been named a member of "Top of the Table," the designation of excellence awarded to only 539 agents nationwide. It recognizes Oxman as one of the top producers in the industry exceeding standards for both the Million Dollar Roundtable and The Court of the Table.

100th Year

The Jewish community in Hazleton, Pennsylvania is now in its 100th year.

During those years, there have been hundreds of Jewish families who settled there and then moved on to other areas. The Jewish community of Hazleton is trying to locate surviving members of those families. Please contact: Albert Rosen, 89 Harding Street, Hazleton, PA 18201.

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B **ook Reviews & Media**

Builders and Dreamers

Edited by

J.J. Goldberg & Elliot King

Herzl Press 362 pp.

\$14.95 paper

This is the story of Habonim Labor Zionist Youth in North America, a unique strand in the American Jewish tapestry, a subculture that has persisted on the landscape of Jewish life for more than 50 years. The editors are Habonim alumni.

Although it never numbered more than four thousand members at its peak, Habonim has had an influence far beyond its size. Habonim members were a key segment of the worldwide pioneering youth movement that built the state of Israel. They set out to change Jewish history by transforming young Jews into the working class of a new nation. And while most remained in America, so many went on to become leading actors in the modern Jewish drama - both in Israel and in America - that Habonim, the editors write, "sometimes seems to be nothing less than an officers' training corps for the Jewish people of the late twentieth century."

Recounted largely in the members' own works, this book follows these young American and Canadian pioneers from the early years to the

present day. It includes the memories of immigrant youngsters like Golda Meir, who went off in the 1920's to till the rocky soil of Merchavia, and of 1960's-era youth like the founders of Kibbutz Gezer, home of the Israel Softball League. Also featured are recollections of dozens of ordinary and extraordinary Habonim graduates in both Israel and North America, for whom "the movement" remains forever etched as the central experience of their youth.

Contributors include Golda Meir, Mordecai Richler, Muki Tsur, Marion Magid, Leonard Fein, Moshe Kerem, David Breslau, Aharon Remez, David Twesky, Yosef Goell, Nahum Guttman, Jill Benderly, Daniel Elazar, Jacob Katzman, Saadia Gelb, Arthur Goren, Martin and Ethel Taft, and many more. Also included is an afterword by Israeli President Chaim Herzog, a founder of Irish Habonim. Extensive essays by the editors link the inner life of the youth movement to the historic events surrounding it.

Builders and Dreamers combines ideas, action, and powerful emotions as it recounts the struggles of the young men and women to merge their social idealism with their Zionist commitment. It follows them from the labor picket lines of the 1920's to the civil rights struggles of the 1950's. It travels

from the Displaced Persons camps of post-World War II Europe to the decks of the "illegal" immigration boats running the British blockade of pre-state Israel and from the Israeli battlefields of 1948 to the American antiwar movement of the 1960's and more recent conservative eras in both countries.

This work is both an inside view of a dramatic chapter in modern Jewish history and a portrait across time of American youth activism at its most idealistic. This is a book for anyone who wants to know more about Israeli history, Jewish community life, or American youth culture.

Triumph and Other Stories

By **Henry Zvi Ucko**

The Sverdlik Press 93pp.

\$9.95 + \$1.00 handling fee
paperback

Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

Durham, North Carolina, where Henry Zvi Ucko now lives with his wife Lenora, is a long way from Koenigsberg in East Prussia, Germany, where he was born before World War I. He admits to having been "a completely assimilated German-Jewish boy." These stories, however, have a distinctly Jewish flavor, some poignant, others humorous.

Longest and most somber is the last story in the book, entitled "Godfather Death." It is set in New York in 1926, and depicts the time when tuberculosis was rampant, before antibiotics, when poverty was the assistant of the grim reaper. Once again we are reminded of the struggle of the

immigrants, of some who succeeded and others who failed.

Lighter moods reflect recollections of childhood, like those that come to mind for no apparent reason, sometimes during sleepless nights.

The tales are very short, with a touch of sympathy here, a glimpse of understanding there. Rabbi Ucko paints with a light brush, leaving pastel images on the pages. Reading this book provides a pleasant interlude.

The Lonely Days Were Sundays: Reflections of a Jewish Southerner

by **Eli N. Evans**

University Press of Mississippi
357 pp.

\$25.00

As an analyst of Jewish history and culture, Eli N. Evans brings to his writing the unique perspective of one who has grown up in the Bible Belt.

Evans' grandmother helped him to appreciate the place of the southern Jew in the South, as well as the fact that the outsider among us may view the village with the clearest vision. "The lonely days were Sundays," she wrote in her diary. "Sundays when I watched the town people going to church, while we stayed upstairs in our apartment. Then I would feel like an outsider."

Eli N. Evans has accomplished what is rare in the world of ideas: He has created and articulated a unique perspective — that of the Jewish South — and has become

its most eloquent voice. As this collection testifies, he is at home in many worlds—presidential politics, civil rights, Israeli history, the Jewish world, and southern life. He writes movingly about his family and his hometown. This volume of essays, which concerns itself with the meaning of southern, American, and Jewish history, is anchored in the pivotal themes of the last century, ranging from the abolition of slavery to the tragedy of the Holocaust; from the agony of the Civil War to the creation of the State of Israel. He writes with the Jewish longing of a homeland and a southerner's sense of home.

Eli N. Evans combines his region and his Jewish heritage into a complex and subtle mixture of insights. He often intertwines autobiography with observation that informs as it inspires. This collection of his articles will take its place beside his other books as a unique contribution to southern, Jewish, and American history.

A Candle for Grandpa

By **David Techner and
Judith Hirt-Maneimer**

UAHC Press Pgs. unnumbered
\$10.95

Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

Sad times when a loved member of a family dies are also difficult for both children and parents. A Candle for Grandpa is recommended for children of ages five to eight years, but the

book is truly "A Guide to the Jewish Funeral for Children and Parents."

The Story is narrated by an eleven year old boy, on the first Yartzeit after the death of his grandfather. The family is lighting the memorial candle on the anniversary of Grandpa's death, and the boy recalls all of the details of the sad occasion.

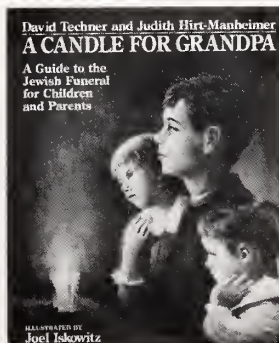
The three grandchildren reacted differently, partly due to difference in their ages. They were ten, three and seven. Throughout the book, questions are asked by the children, and the intelligent answers of the parents are given. They are involved in all of the arrangements their parents make with the rabbi and the funeral director.

Traditional Jewish customs are explained simply, and the natural curiosity about death is satisfied comfortably. The love in the relationship is stressed, and remembering is encouraged.

Illustrations by Joel Iskowitz are black and white drawings on a gray background, appropriately solemn, but the portrayals are warm and recognizable.

At the close of the book are five questions most commonly asked by parents, with sensible answers, and the five questions children ask most often at the time of a family member's death, followed by advice on responding.

A Candle for Grandpa will prove to be a valuable help in the inevitable time of sorrow which touches everyone, with the interest of young children in mind.



"Candle for Grandpa"

Denying the Holocaust: The Growing Assault of Truth and Memory

by Deborah Lipstadt

The Free Press(Macmillan, Inc.)
278 pp. \$22.95

There are many good reasons for the creation of a Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington DC. But perhaps the most important is the one least often cited- namely the need to establish the occurrence of the Holocaust as a historical fact.

Holocaust denial is a growing international phenomenon that has made surprising recent inroads in the media, public opinion, and even on university campuses.

The denial of the Holocaust has no more credibility than the assertion that the earth is flat. Yet there are those who insist that the death of six million jews in Nazi concentration camps is nothing but a hoax perpetrated by a powerful Zionist conspiracy. Forty years ago, such notions were the province of pseudo-historians who argued that Hitler never meant to kill the Jews, and that only a few hundred thousand died in the camps from disease; hey also argued that the Allied bombings of Dresden and other cities were worse than any Nazi offense, and that the Germans were the "true victims" of World War II.

For Years, the men who made such claims were dismissed as harmless cranks operating on the lunatic fringe. But over the past decade they have begun t gain a hearing in respectable arenas, and now, in the

first full-scale history of Holocaust denial, Deborah Lipstadt shows how - despite tens of thousands of living witnesses and vast amounts of documentary evidence - this irrational idea has not only continued to gain adherents but has become an international movement, with organized chapters, "independent" research centers, and official publications that promote a "revisionist" view of recent history.

One sign of the movement's disturbing resonance is the rise of figures like the Holocaust denier David Duke to national prominence. Holocaust deniers have also begun to make common cause with radical Afrocentristi like Leonard Jeffries of New York's City University, who retails racist myths about the Jews; and a recent campaign of ads in college newspapers calling "open debate" on "so-called facts" about the Holocaust suggests a bold new bid for mainstream intellectual legitimacy. Lipstadt show how Holocaust denial thrives in the current atmosphere of value-relativism, and argues that this chilling attack on the factual record not only threatens Jews but undermines the very tenets of objective scholarship which support our faith in historical knowledge. Thus the movement has an unsuspected power to dramatically alter the way that truth and meaning are transmitted from one generation to another.

Deborah Lipstadt, author of *Beyond Belief: The American Press and the Coming of the Holocaust, 1933-1945* (1986) , occupies the Dorot Chair in Modern Jewish and Holocaust Studies at Emory University.



Dennis Prager

The Gorelick Family Foundations, the Charlotte Chapter of Hadassah, the Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte, and the Speizman Jewish Library are pleased to announce a Scholar-In-Residence Weekend with Dennis Prager. Mark your calendars for November 5-7 when Mr. Parger will be addressing several different groups in the Charlotte Jewish community.

Mr. Prager will offer a full weekend of programs covering a wide range of topics. On Friday evening, November 5, Mr. Prager will speak at Temple Israel. His topic will be "Goodness and God's Existence". He will speak on Saturday morning, November 6, at Temple Israel on "Why I Revere Judaism - Ten Reasons". Saturday evening he will discuss the theme of his new book, *Happiness Is A Serious Problem*. November 7, Mr. Prager will address the Leadership Circle of the Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte.

For details call Stacy Miller
Gorelick - 334-3127.



The Seventh Annual Book and Author Evening

The Seventh Annual Book and Author Evening will take place on Saturday evening, November 6th in Gorelick Hall at Shalom Park in Charlotte. It is being cosponsored by the Charlotte Chapter of Hadassah and the Speizman Jewish Library.

This year's speaker is writer, lecturer, and talk radio host Dennis Prager, who has been called "probably the most perceptive Jewish thinker in America Today" by the Boston Herald. While frequently choosing such topics as religion, international relations and morality to discuss on his show, his range of specialties also includes music, human relations, child rearing and sex differences. In addition to writing and publishing a quarterly journal "Ultimate Issues", he has written two books with friend and colleague Rabbi Joseph Telushkin; *The Nine Questions People Ask About Judaism and Why the Jews?* *The Reasons for Anti-Semitism*. He is also



Dennis Prager

completing a third book, *Happiness Is a Serious Problem*. He will speak about this new book during the Book and Author program. B'nai B'rith has called him "the most eloquent speaker of his generation". In addition to delivering a logical and easily followed case for his ideas, his lecture style is genuinely entertaining. He has lectured widely throughout the United States, Canada, Israel, England, Australia, and Korea. In 1990, he gave a series of lectures in Russia in Moscow.

Hadassah and the Speizman Jewish Library are seeking patrons to underwrite this event. Grand Patrons are \$250, sustaining Patrons are \$100, and Benefactors are \$36. There will be a reception immediately following the program for all Patrons and Benefactors.

Chairpersons of the event are Amalia Warshenbrot, librarian for the Speizman Jewish Library and Stacy Miller Gorelick, Hadassah representative. For more information, please contact Amalia 366-5007 ext. 258 or Stacy 334-3127.

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14th Maccabiah Games - Israel 1993

by Gene Kavadlo

From the Charlotte departure on June 25 to the arrival back home on July 16, the 14th Maccabiah games in Israel were the experience of a lifetime for Ilana Kavadlo and her parents. It was their first trip to Israel, and it was rewarding both as Jews and as participants in the Maccabiah games.



From left to right: Reid Lerner, Stacey Schefflin, Harry Swimmer, Ilana Kavadlo, Arthur Lavitt

Ilana began her adventure at a pre-camp session, during which the athletes had an opportunity to tour some of Israel, and, of course, train for their competitions. She and the rest of her swim team were housed in the Goldar Hotel in Netanya, a seaside resort town just north of Tel Aviv. They had opportunities to visit Jerusalem, Masada, the Dead Sea, Caesara, and several other places of interest. The organizers of the games wanted the athletes to appreciate the culture of Israel as well as compete in the sports.

Opening ceremonies on July 5 at Ramat Gan Stadium in Tel Aviv were nothing short of spectacular. The fireworks display was the most dramatic we had ever seen, more than making up for missing our own July 4 fireworks at home. The stadium held about 60,000 people, and every seat was filled. Naturally, security was very tight, as it was wherever we went in

Israel. Soldiers carrying automatic weapons were in plain view everywhere. Competitions began the following day.

At age 14, Ilana was the youngest member of the open swim team. Despite her youth, she fared very

well, bringing home two silver medals in the 100 meter and 50 meter free style events, respectively. She also swam on the 4 by 100 free relay team, which won the gold medal and set a new Maccabiah record. Additionally, she had an opportunity to form lasting friendships with Jewish athletes all over the world.

Closing ceremonies took place at Sultan's Pool in Jerusalem on July 15, adjacent to the old city of Jerusalem. Mixed emotions were the order of the evening, as athletes

made their farewells and prepared for the trip home. Teddy Kolleck and Yitzchak Rabin made speeches to the athletes, stirring music accompanied singers and dancers, and, once again, dramatic fireworks filled the nighttime sky. The 14th Maccabiah games were officially over - but the memories remain. Ilana is now looking forward to the 15th Maccabiah in 4 years.

Ilana's competitive swim career began on the Jewish Community Center swim team in Charlotte, NC. Hard work and dedication enabled her to compete in the Maccabiah games in Israel - an opportunity that is open to all Jewish athletes who dedicate themselves to their sport. Other athletes from the Carolinas are: Arthur Lavitt, Golf; Reid Lerner, Juniors Tennis; Stacey Schefflin, Tennis; Watson Jennison, Soccer; Todd Schayes, Masters Basketball; Paula Adelman, Masters Swimming; and David

Bedar, Masters Basketball. Many thanks to Harry Swimmer, who is very active in the US Committee Sports for Israel, and

personally sponsored Ilana's participation.



Pictured from left to right: Bob Spivak-pres. of US Committee, Stacey Schefflin and Bob Karetsky



Innovative Program Launched to Get Parents and Teens Talking

Washington, DC

If questioned, most parents and teens would agree that they would like more opportunities to discuss important issues with each other. Until now, no Jewish organization offered the opportunity to fulfill this need.

The Parent Teen Dialogue Program is a new effort being launched this fall - initially in 10 cities - by B'nai B'rith's Center for Jewish Family Life and its Youth Organization (BBYO) to address this need. Through structured but informal discussion groups, Parent Teen Dialogue offers opportunities to build dialogues and nurture Jewish values.

"The program's goals are to increase the number of exchanges and to improve their quality by encouraging parents and teens to really listen and to work toward a better understanding of each other's viewpoints and needs," said Ofra Fisher, director of B'nai B'rith's Center for Family Life.

According to Sam Fisher, international director of BBYO, the only way to strengthen Jewish life in the future is to strengthen the Jewish family. "This program will bring parents and teens a richer sense of Jewish identity that integrates family life, community and tradition," he said.

The topics selected for Parent Teen dialogue have been gleaned from years of B'nai B'rith work. Initial

plans include sessions on stereotyping and prejudice, tattling, lying, sex, drugs and alcohol. The groups will meet periodically throughout the year and will spend two or three 90-minute sessions on each topic.

"Our idea is not to force Judaism upon teenagers. The Parent Teen Dialogue shows young people that if they turn to Jewish teachings, they will discover relevant wisdom," Ofra Fisher said.

Complete program kits were produced for the program including an introductory guide, video and other materials. To start a Parent Teen Dialogue, please call Ofra Fisher at (202) 857-6633.

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and remove from the flame. If the soup becomes overly thick, add more stock. To serve, divide bread into equal portions and place one portion in each soup bowl. Pour the hot soup over the bread, add the lemon juice and serve at once.



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